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THE FUGITIVE

ENDGAME
PART 2 OF 4



Years ago, most of the young residents of **Planet Mobius** were forced into war, defending themselves against the conspiracy of **Julian**, former **Warlord of the Kingdom of Acorn**. Most notable of these "freedom fighters" is a team led by the King's own daughter, and championed by the swiftest hero in the land. While their past efforts have been valiant, they have been a far cry from the total defeat of the rechristened **Dr. Robotnik**.

When their former sire staged a miraculous return to health, fortune seemed to shine on our stalwart heroes. The glistening hope of more experienced leadership paved the way for potential salvation.

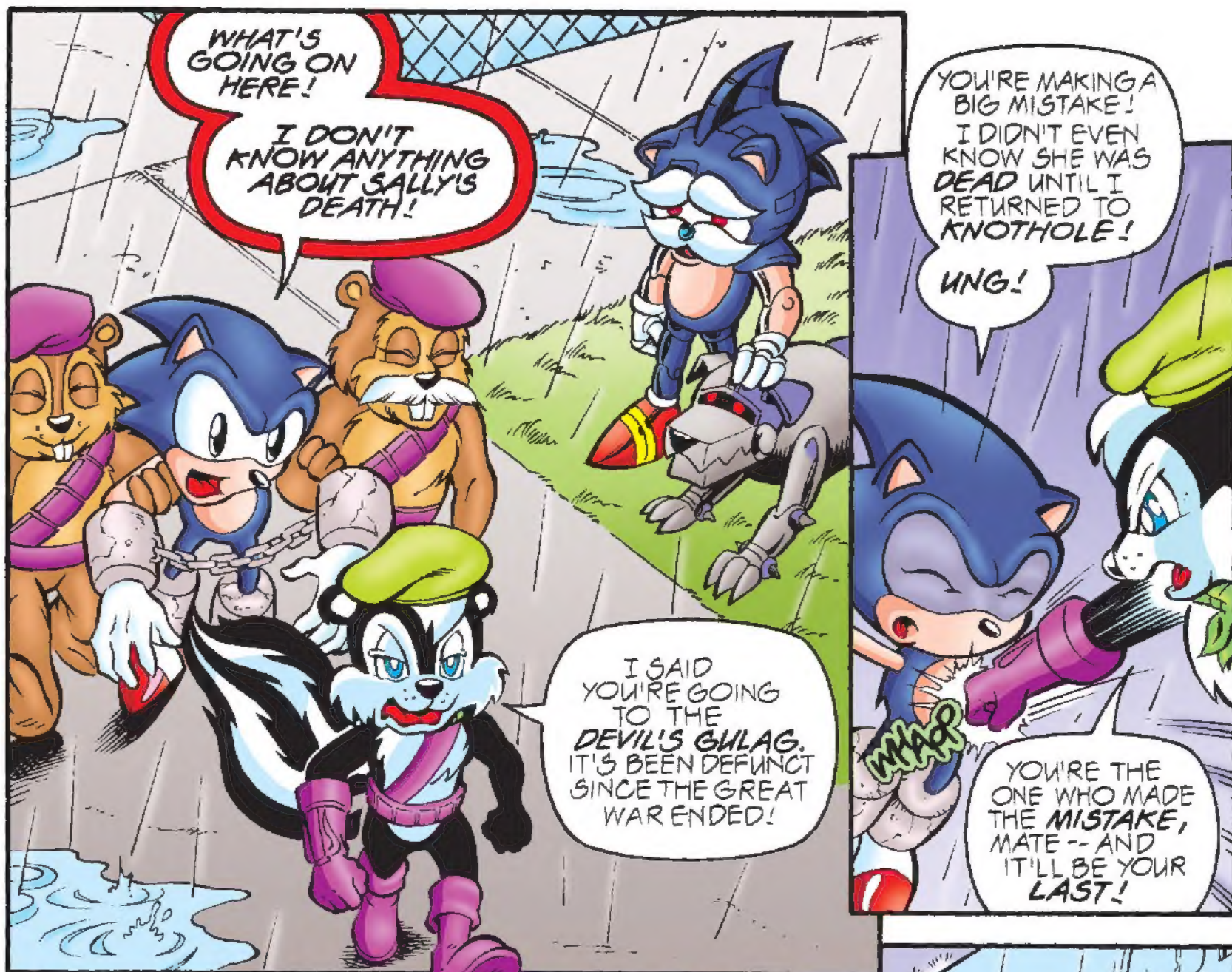
Alas, it was not to be...

During their latest mission, **Princess Sally Acorn** met sudden tragedy. Returned to **Knockhole Village**, she was pronounced **DEAD**. Almost as tragic was the revelation that she died at the hands of...

Sonic The Hedgehog himself!

Pronouncing sentence, the king condemned the "former" hero to a life of imprisonment. While it is clear that treachery and deceit abound, it is equally unclear who all the conspirators are of this swift **injustice**. While it is certain that the dark forces of **Robotropolis** are preparing their next move, it is equally uncertain whether our heroes will rally, recreating the former glory of the once-gleaming city of **Mobotropolis**.

One thing cannot be disputed – no one will ever be the same...



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!

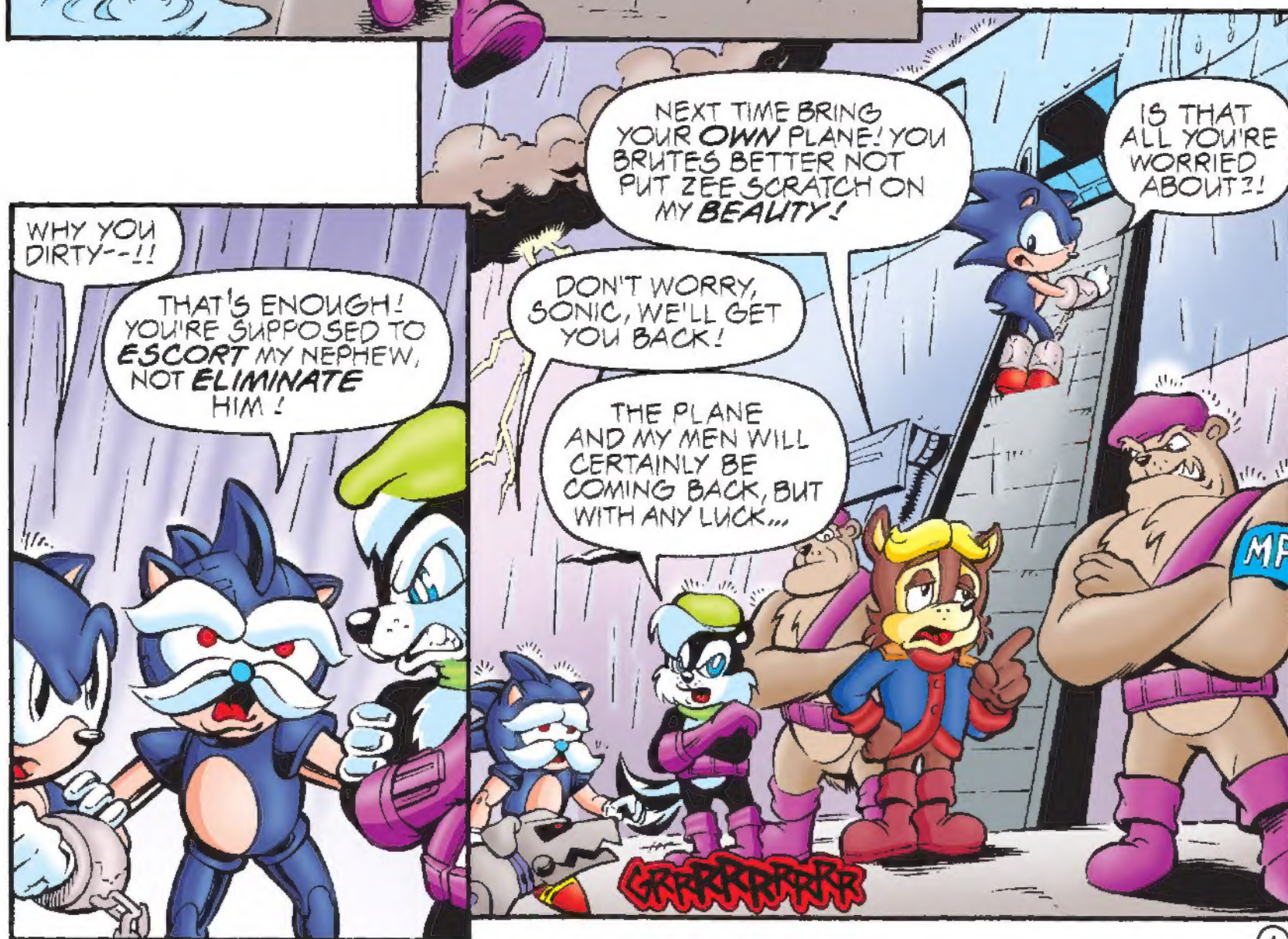
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SALLY'S DEATH!

YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS DEAD UNTIL I RETURNED TO KNOTHOLE!

UNG!

I SAID YOU'RE GOING TO THE DEVIL'S GULAG. IT'S BEEN DEFUNCT SINCE THE GREAT WAR ENDED!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE THE MISTAKE, MATE -- AND IT'LL BE YOUR LAST!



WHY YOU DIRTY--!!

THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ESCORT MY NEPHEW, NOT ELIMINATE HIM!

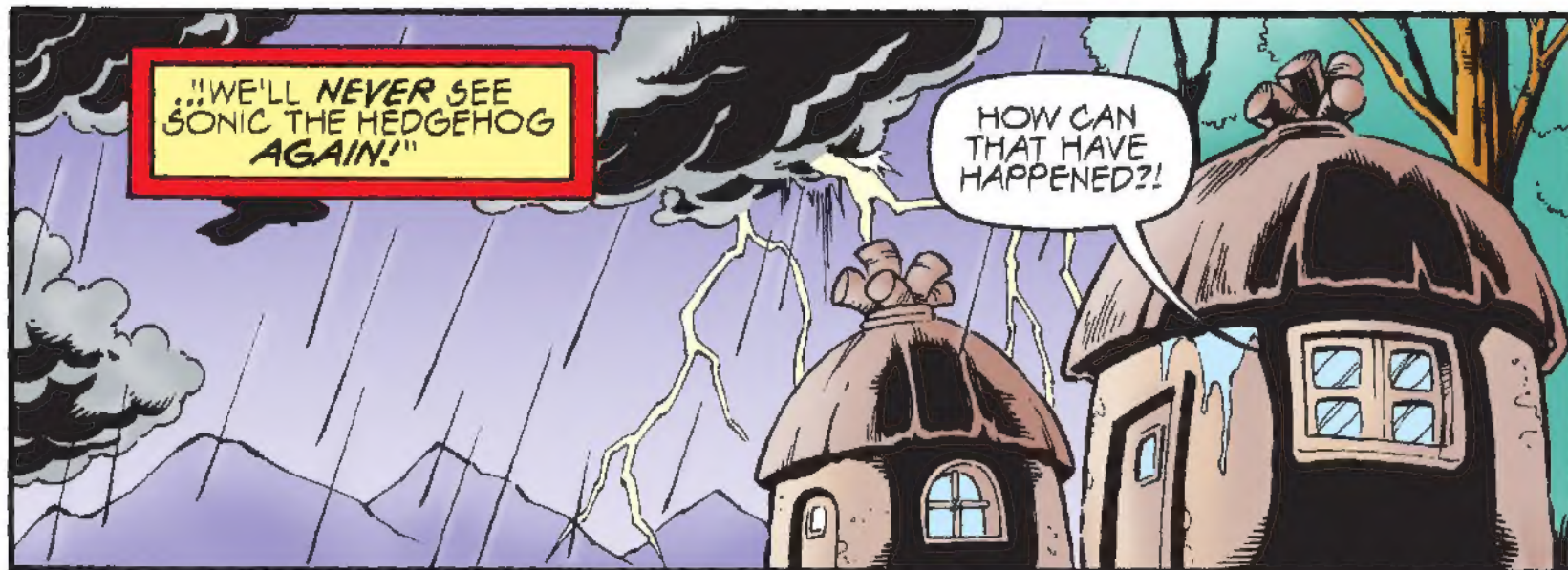
NEXT TIME BRING YOUR OWN PLANE! YOU BRUTES BETTER NOT PUT ZEE SCRATCH ON MY BEAUTY!

DON'T WORRY, SONIC, WE'LL GET YOU BACK!

THE PLANE AND MY MEN WILL CERTAINLY BE COMING BACK, BUT WITH ANY LUCK...

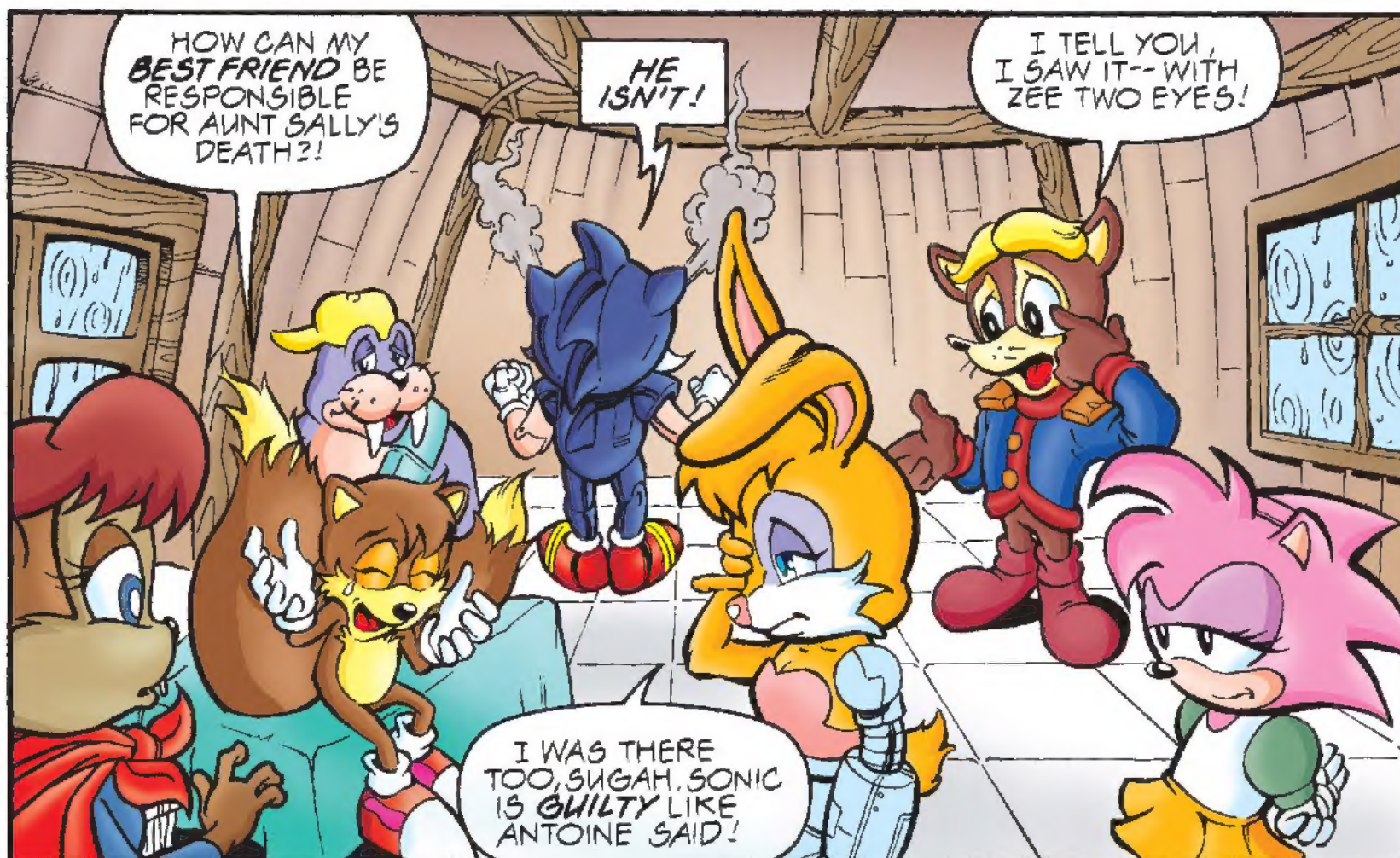
IS THAT ALL YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?!

GRARRRRR



...WE'LL NEVER SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AGAIN!

HOW CAN THAT HAVE HAPPENED?!

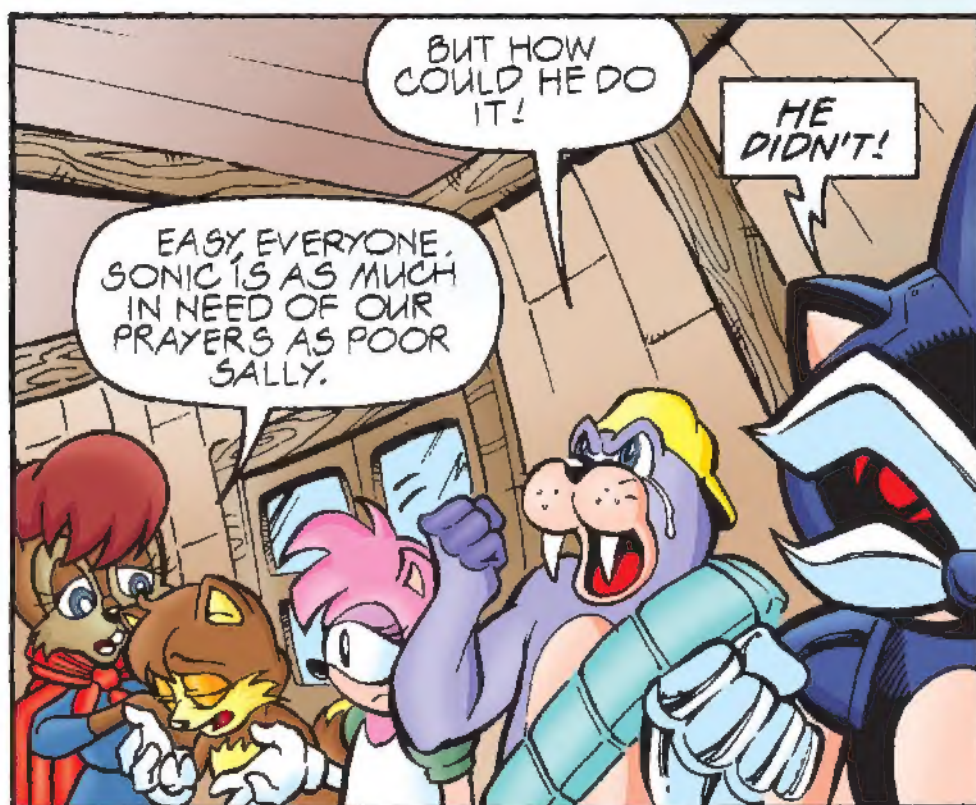


HOW CAN MY BEST FRIEND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AUNT SALLY'S DEATH?!

HE ISN'T!

I TELL YOU, I SAW IT-- WITH ZEE TWO EYES!

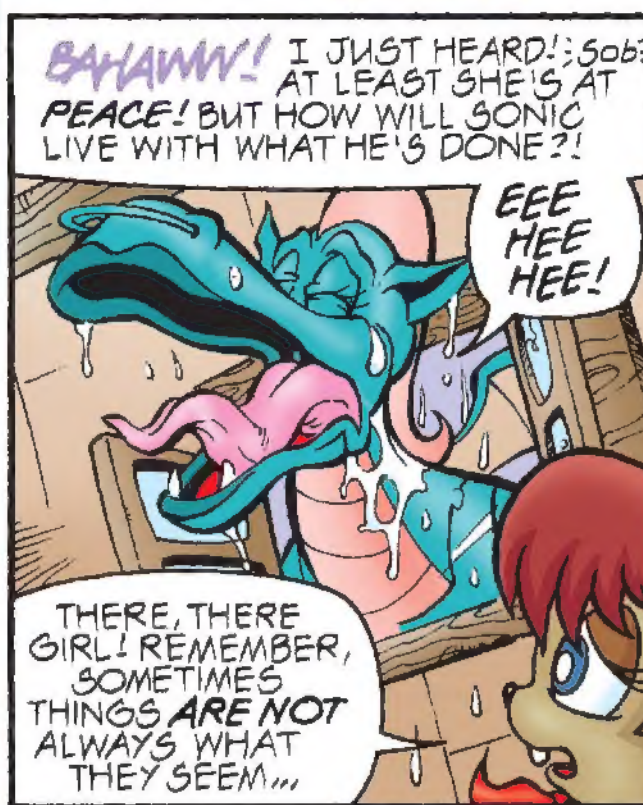
I WAS THERE TOO, SUGAR. SONIC IS GUILTY LIKE ANTOINE SAID!



BUT HOW COULD HE DO IT!

HE DIDN'T!

EASY EVERYONE, SONIC IS AS MUCH IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS AS POOR SALLY.



BAHAWW! I JUST HEARD! Sob! AT LEAST SHE'S AT PEACE! BUT HOW WILL SONIC LIVE WITH WHAT HE'S DONE?!

EEE HEE HEE!

THERE, THERE GIRL! REMEMBER, SOMETIMES THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM...

CURRENTLY, HOWEVER,
THINGS SEEM PRETTY
BLEAK FOR OUR "EX?"
HERO...

THIS WHOLE
MESS STARTED WHEN
SAL GOT ORDERS TO
INVADE ROBOTROPOLIS
FROM HER DAD-- A GUY
SUPPOSEDLY TURNING
TO CRYSTAL!*

*KING ACORN'S MALADY WAS
REVEALED IN SONIC QUEST #1--ED

AND NOW THAT SAME
KING HAS EXILED ME TO
THE PLACE OF MY BOY-
HOOD NIGHTMARES --

WHERE MY DAD USED
TO TELL ME ALL **BAD**
BOYS AND WAR PRIS-
ONERS WERE SENT --

--THE
DEVIL'S GULAS!

HOW'D HE
GET BETTER SO
FAST AND...

LOOKS LIKE I WASN'T
THE ONLY **DOUBLE AGENT!**
WHAT DID ROBOTNIK
PROMISE YOU--YOUR VERY
OWN **CHILI DOG CHAIN?**

Huh?

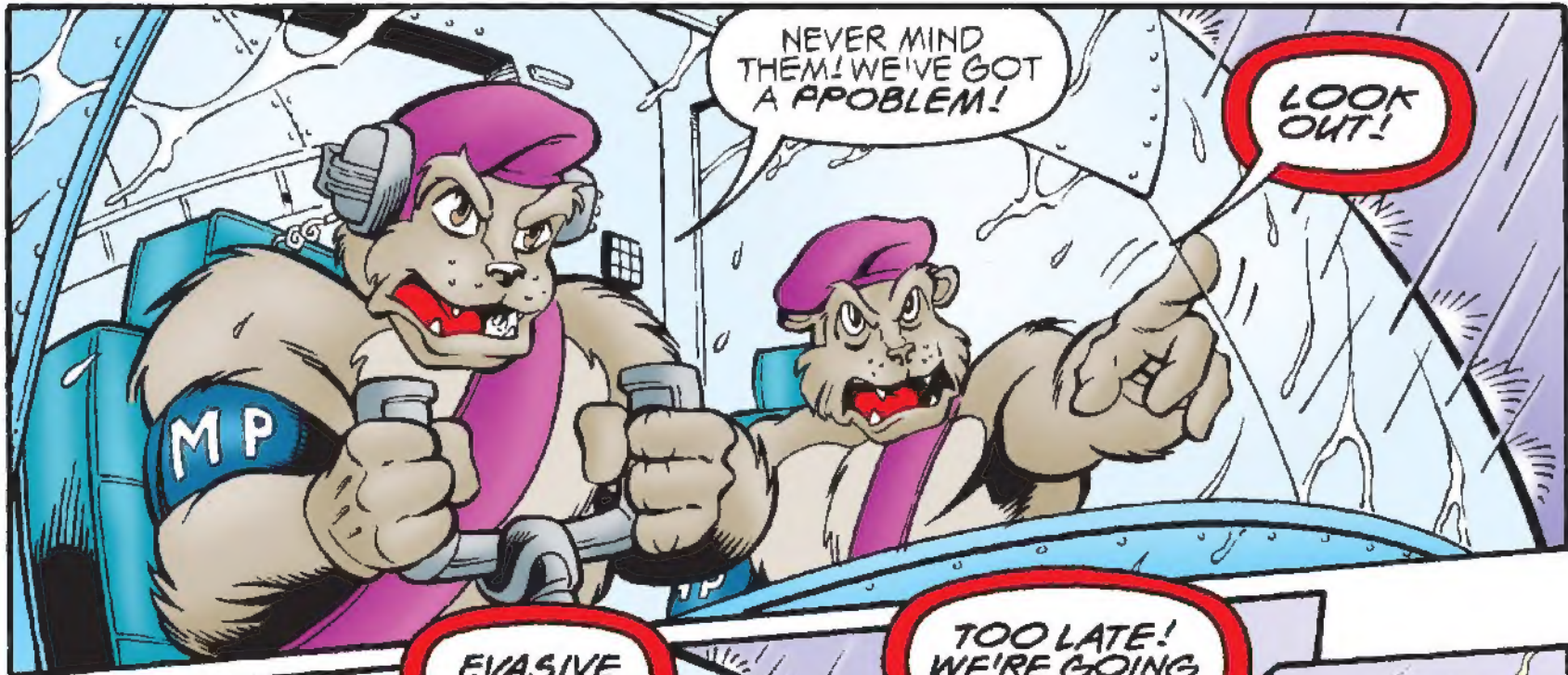
SLEUTH DOGGY DOG!
YOU TREASONOUS TRAITOR!*
I'M GONNA... Umph!

Haw! Haw! THE ONCE
HEROIC SONIC, REDUCED
TO A CHAINED-UP **CON!**
YOU TEAR ME UP!

I'LL REALLY
TEAR YOU GUYS
UP IF YOU DON'T
SHUT UP!

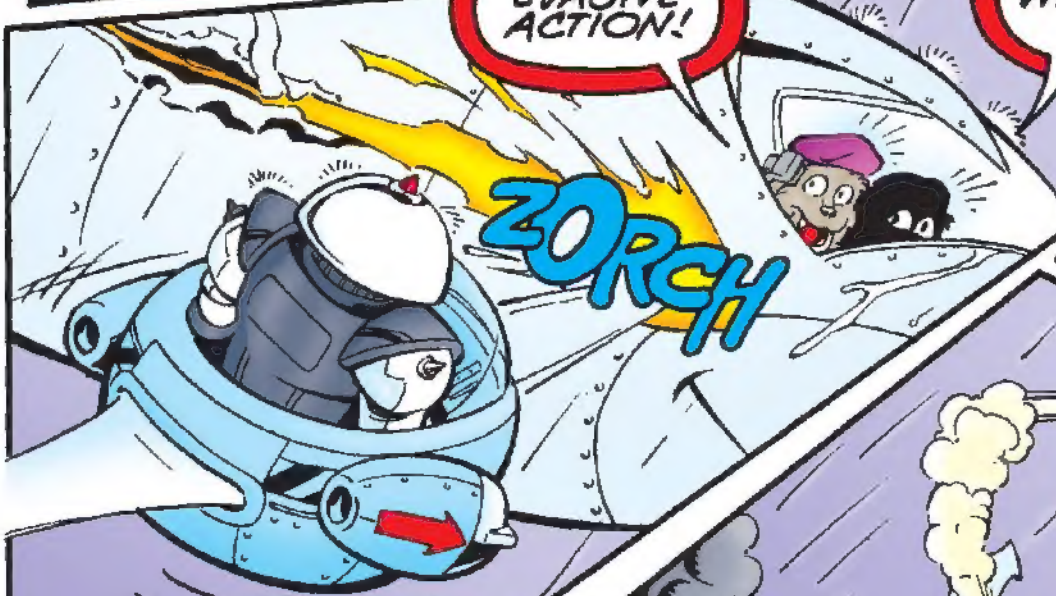
RATCHINK

*SLEUTH'S TREACHERY WAS
REVEALED IN SONIC #42-- EDITOR.



NEVER MIND THEM! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

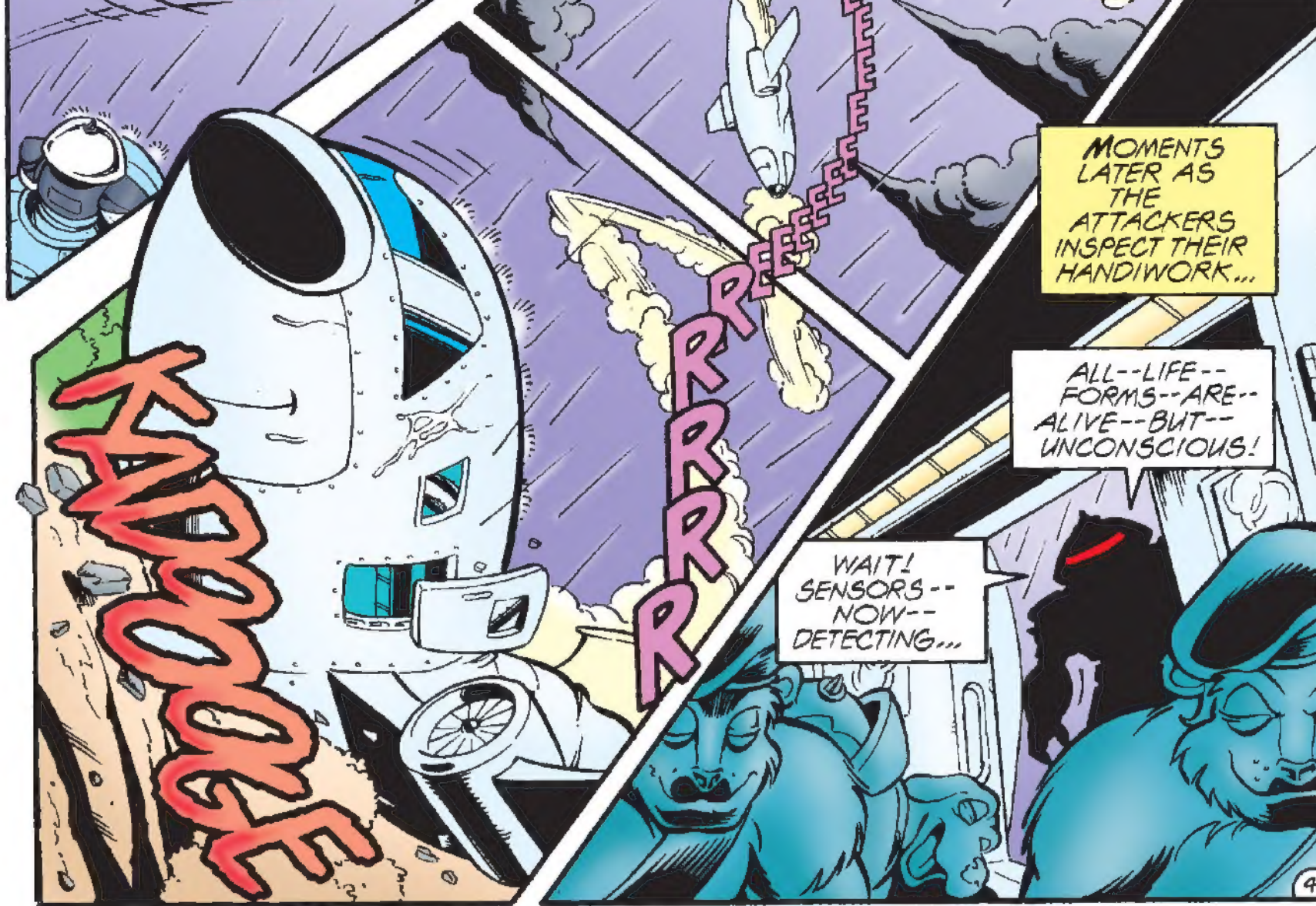
LOOK OUT!



EVASIVE ACTION!

TOO LATE! WE'RE GOING DOWN!

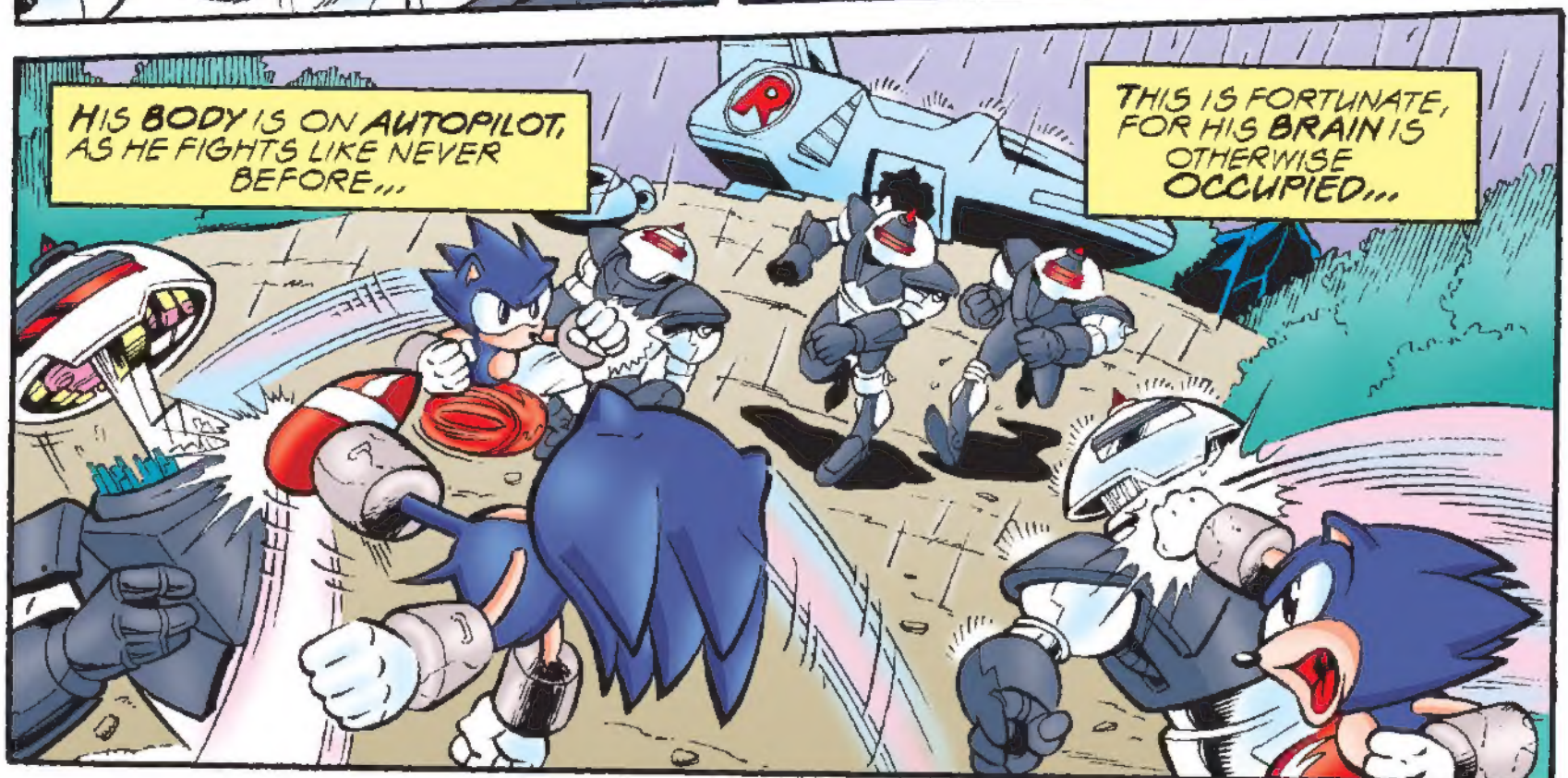
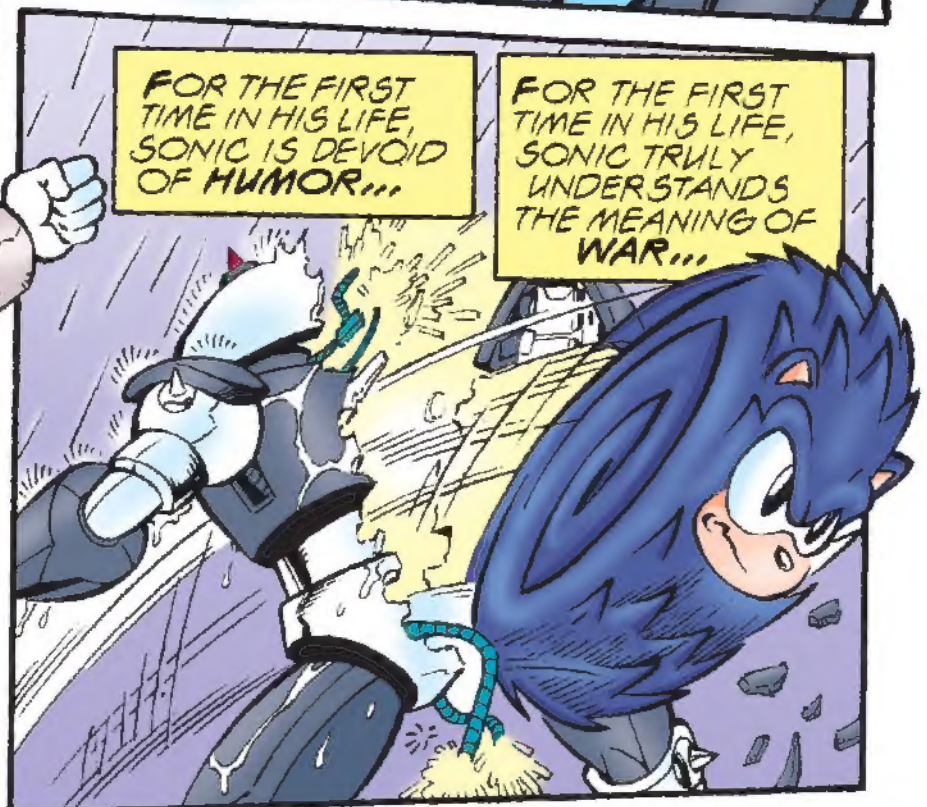
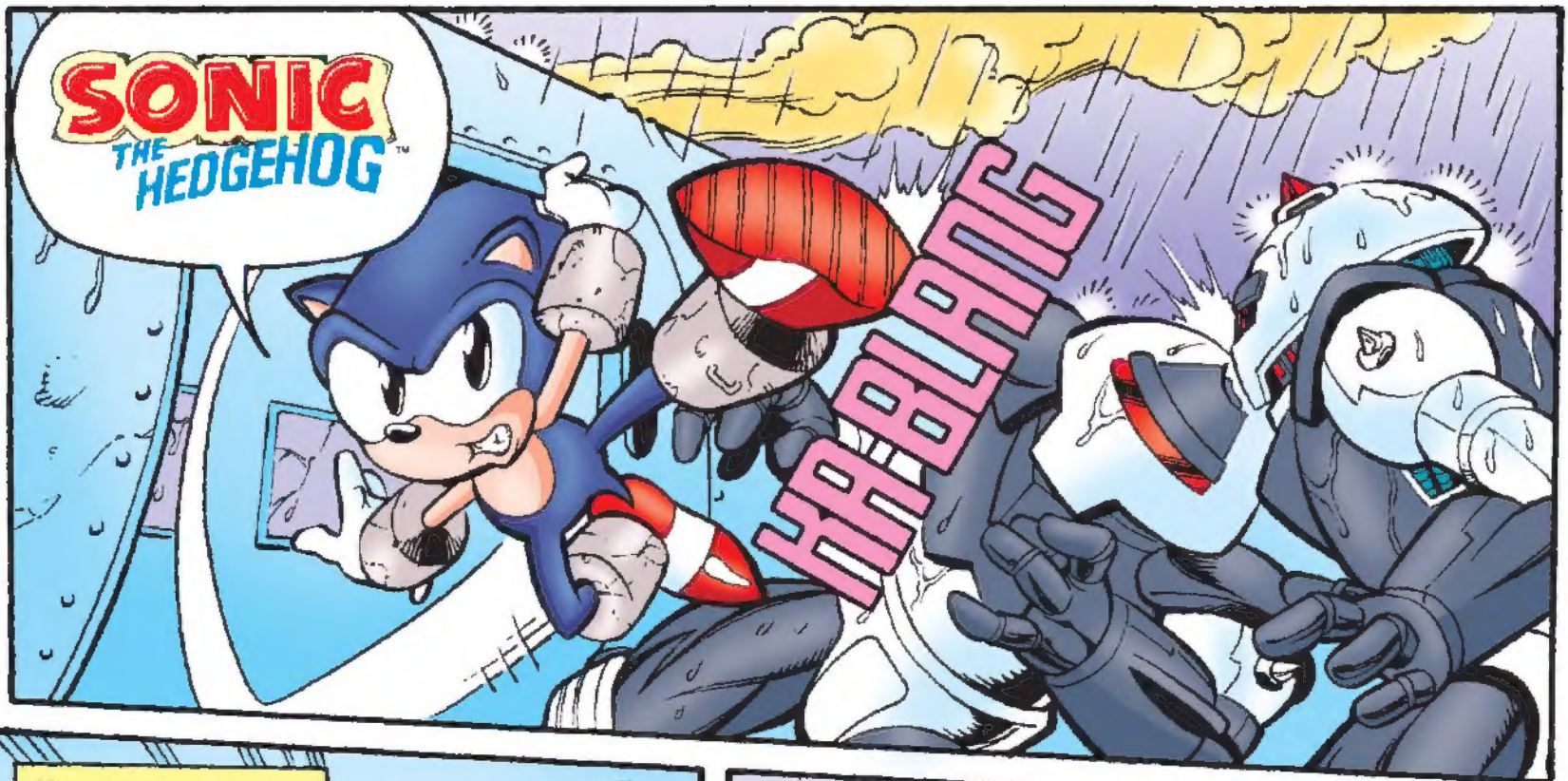
PULL UP! PULL UP!

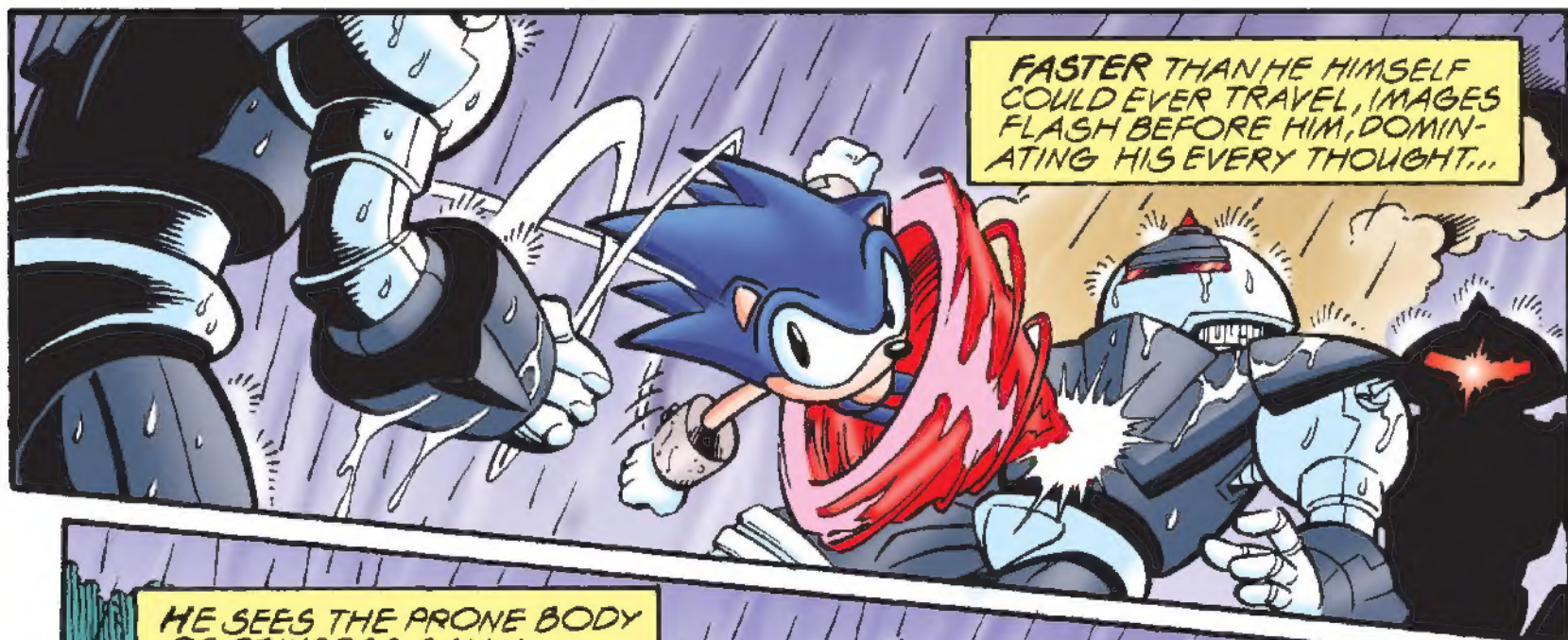


MOMENTS LATER AS THE ATTACKERS INSPECT THEIR HANDIWORK...

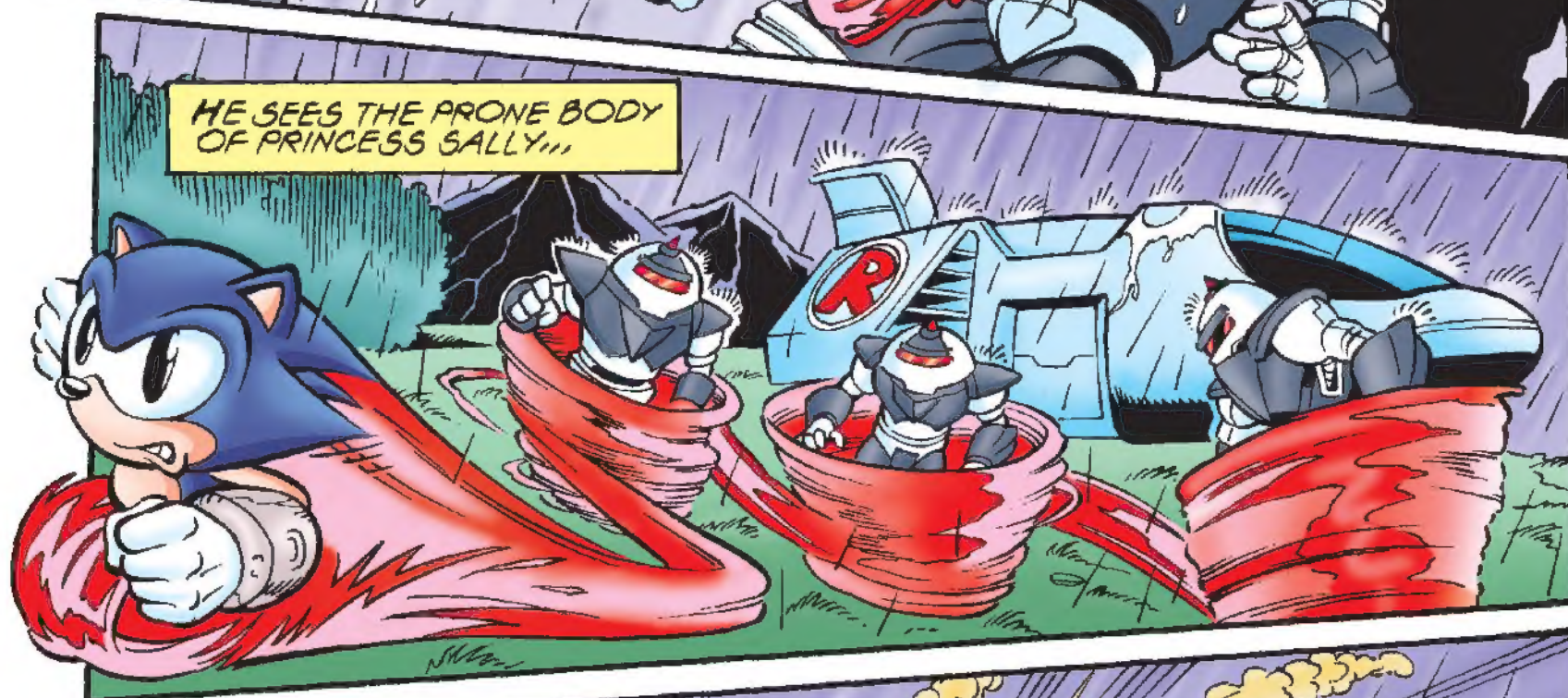
ALL--LIFE--FORMS--ARE--ALIVE--BUT--UNCONSCIOUS!

WAIT! SENSORS--NOW--DETECTING...

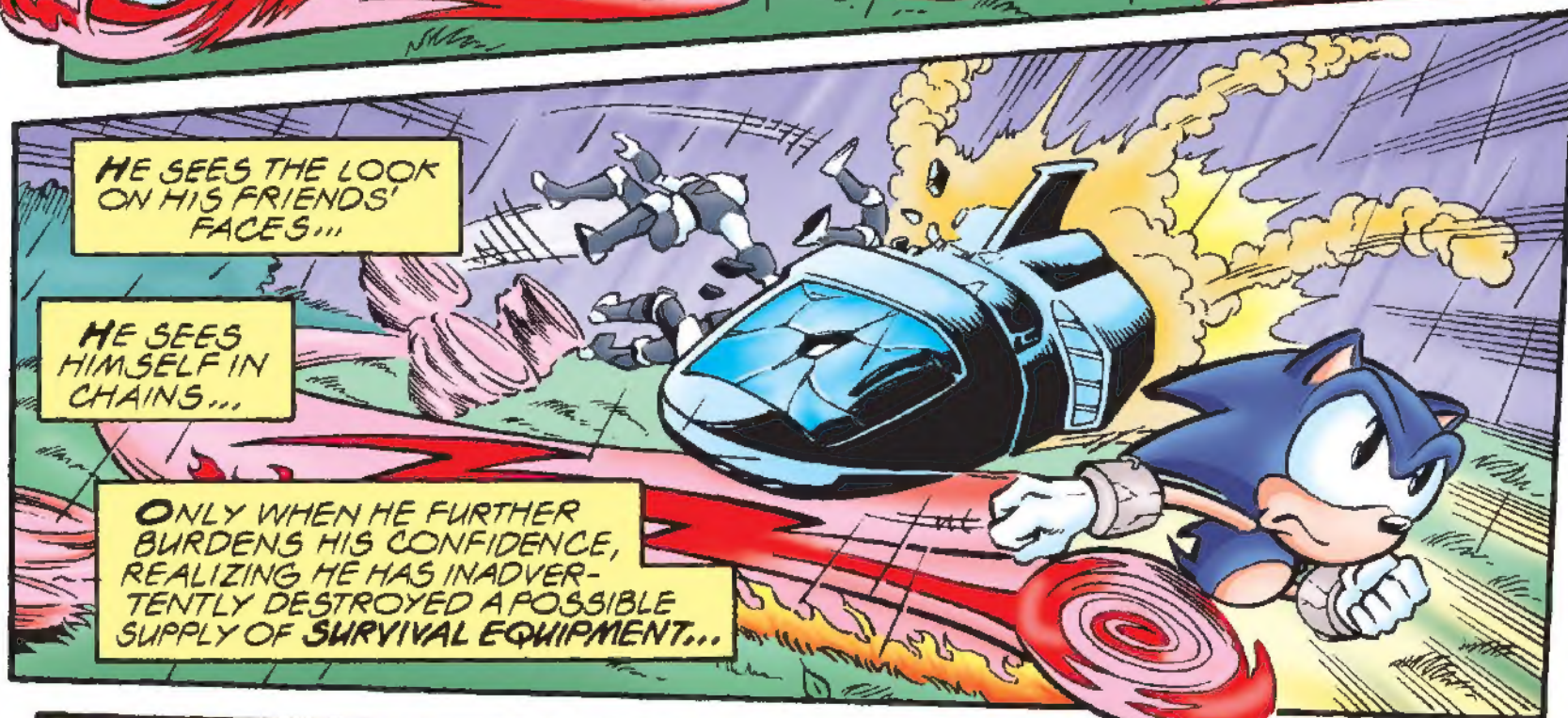




FASTER THAN HE HIMSELF
COULD EVER TRAVEL, IMAGES
FLASH BEFORE HIM, DOMIN-
ATING HIS EVERY THOUGHT...



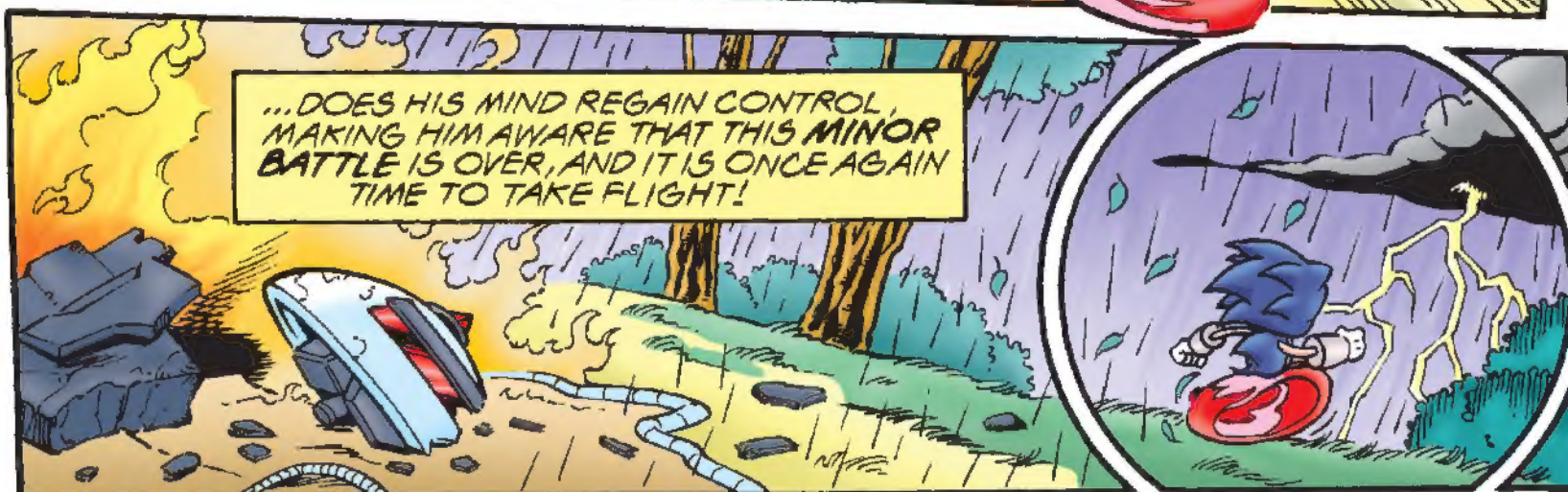
HE SEES THE PRONE BODY
OF PRINCESS SALLY...



HE SEES THE LOOK
ON HIS FRIENDS'
FACES...

HE SEES
HIMSELF IN
CHAINS...

ONLY WHEN HE FURTHER
BURDENS HIS CONFIDENCE,
REALIZING HE HAS INADVER-
TENTLY DESTROYED A POSSIBLE
SUPPLY OF SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT...



...DOES HIS MIND REGAIN CONTROL,
MAKING HIM AWARE THAT THIS MINOR
BATTLE IS OVER, AND IT IS ONCE AGAIN
TIME TO TAKE FLIGHT!

WHILE THE DEPARTING SONIC PONDER'S HIS DESTINY, OTHERS ARE ALREADY PREPARING FOR HIS IMMEDIATE FUTURE...

Ahh, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, FORGIVE MY INTERRUPTION OF YOUR MEDITATIONS, BUT I'M GLAD I'VE CAUGHT YOU ALONE!

YOUR REPORTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, FAITHFUL DRAGO!

I'M SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE PLANE TRANSPORTING SONIC HAS CRASHED MILES AWAY FROM THE PLANNED DESTINATION...! THE MP'S ARE OKAY AND SNOOP IS STILL IN CUSTODY, BUT--

SONIC HAS ESCAPED!

PITY, IT APPEARS HE WILL HAVE TO BE HUNTED DOWN LIKE A DOG... OR BY DOGS!

SEND IN ST. JOHN...

SHORTLY...

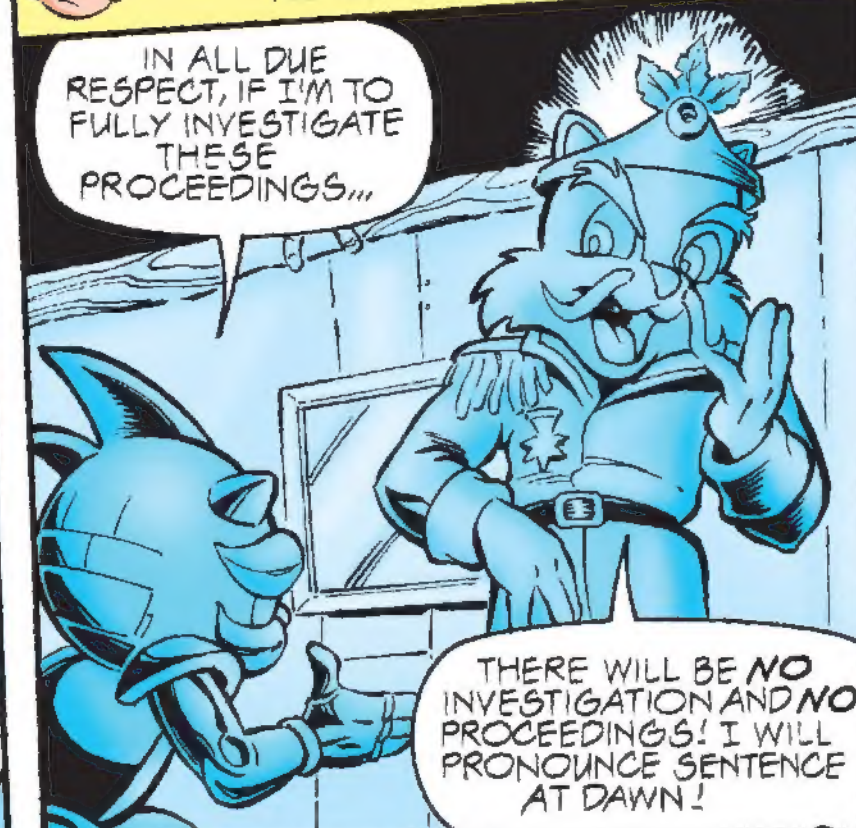
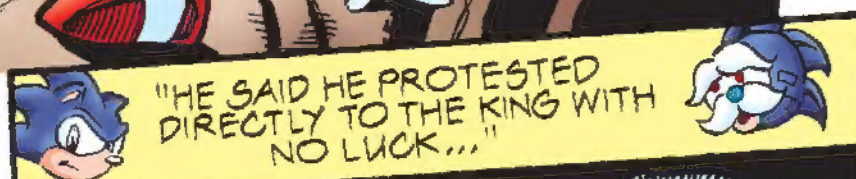
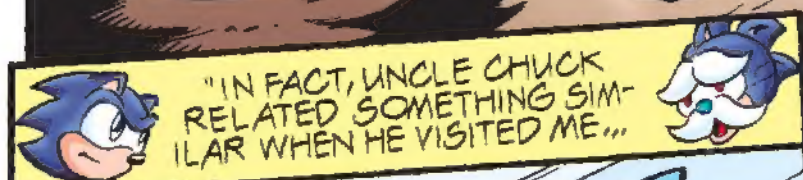
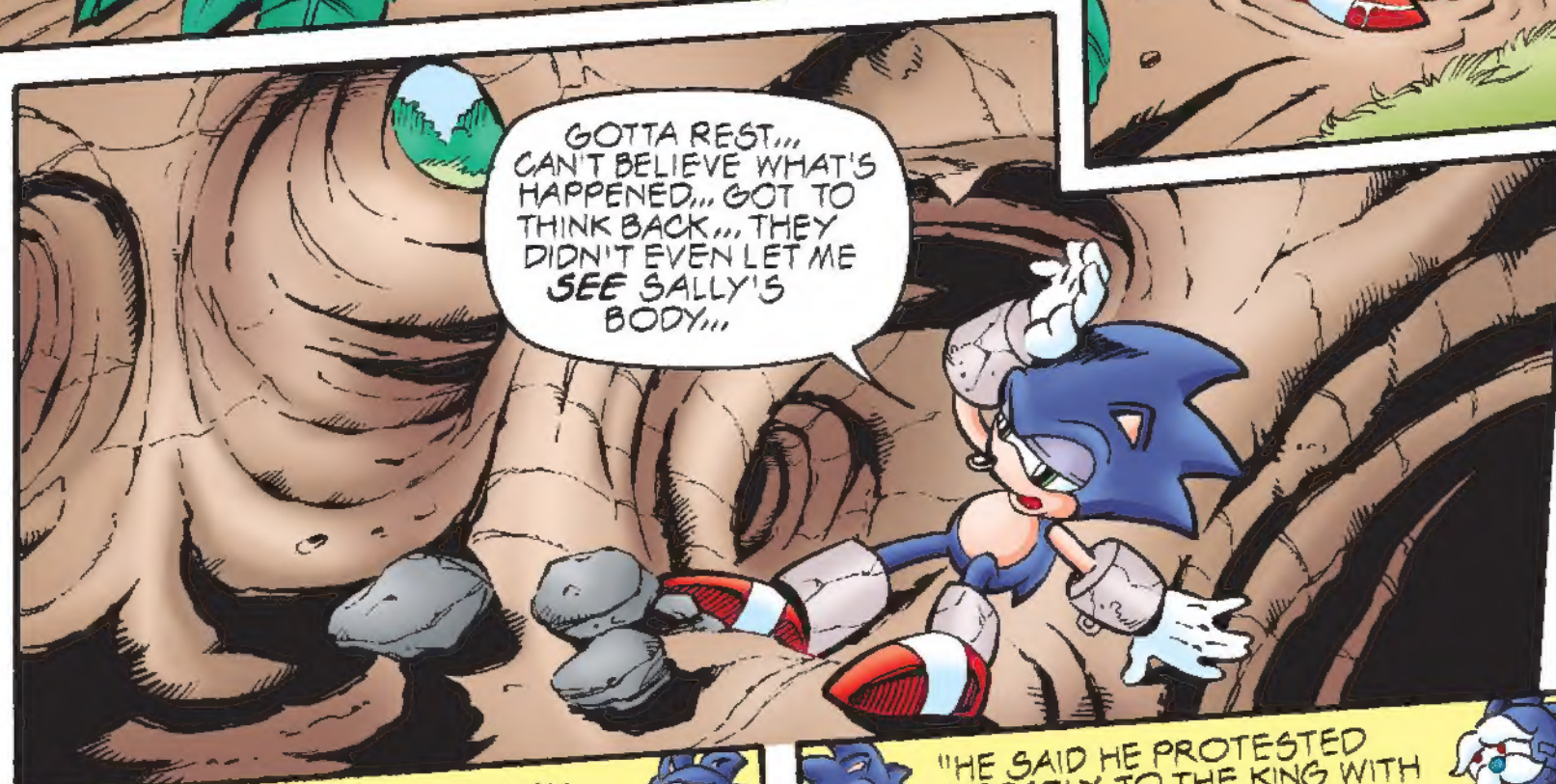
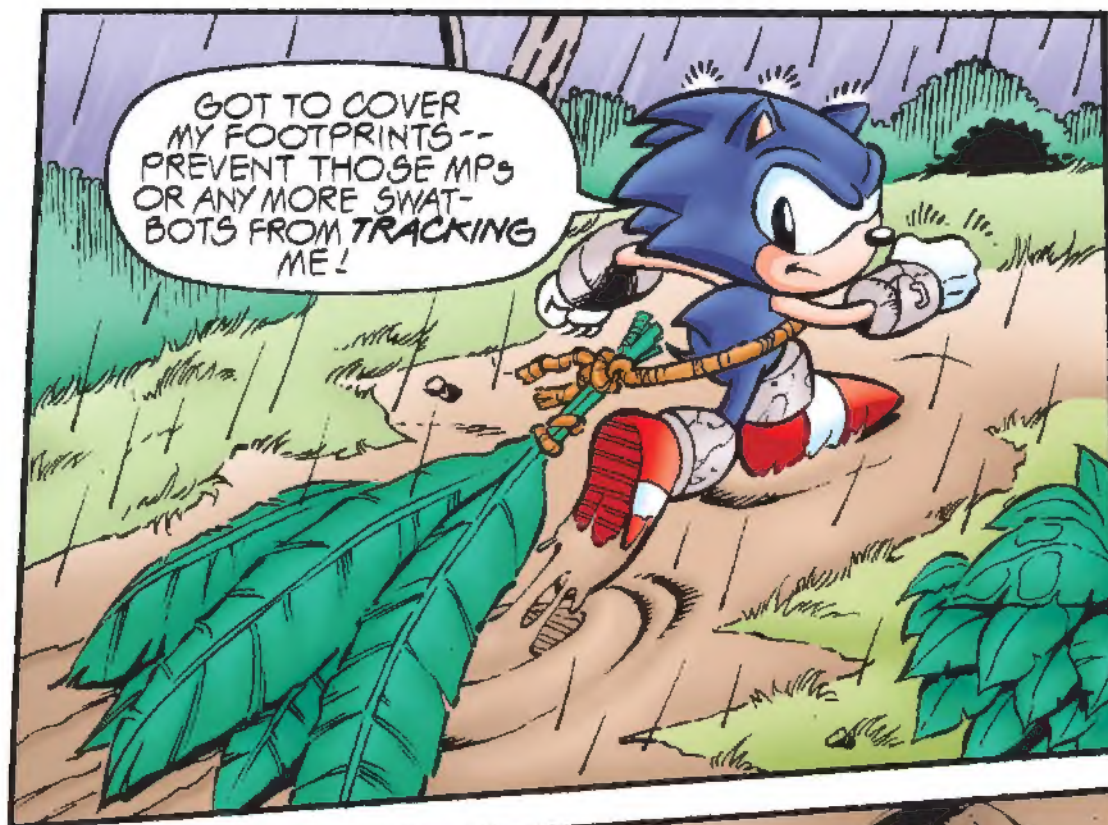
YOUR MEN HAVE FAILED ME, GEOFFREY! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS ESCAPED!

...BUT MY MEN ARE THE FINEST-TRAINED SOLDIERS ANYWHERE!

GIVE ME NOT YOUR EXCUSES, MAN! I WON'T HAVE A MURDERER FREE IN MY SOON-TO-BE RESTORED KINGDOM!

FORGIVE ME, YOUR MAJESTY! I'LL ROUST MY MEN IMMEDIATELY! AND I MAKE YOU THIS PLEDGE--

--IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO I WILL RECAPTURE THAT HEDGEHOG!



"AND HE DIDN'T NEED ANY OF HIS ESPIONAGE EXPERIENCE TO REALIZE SOMETHING WAS WAY PAST UNCOOL..."

I THINK OUR "CAMPFIRE POW WOW" REVEALED THE TRUTH --THERE IS A TRAITOR OR TRAITORS IN OUR MIDST... AND I KNOW IT ISN'T YOU!*

*IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #46 EDITOR.

"HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT PAST THE SHOCK AND HAD HIS STUFF TOGETHER!"

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, SONIC! I KNOW I WON'T UNTIL JUSTICE IS SERVED!

SONIC'S MIND REELS IN TURMOIL...

AND WHEN HIS CAPACITY TO PONDER CURRENTLY UNANSWERABLE QUESTIONS COMES TO AN END...

...ONLY THEN DOES HE FEEL THE TRUE IMPACT OF SALLY'S PASSING...

...ONLY THEN DOES THE STRESS AND GRIEF FORCE HIS BODY TO SUCCUMB TO SLEEP.

BACK AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

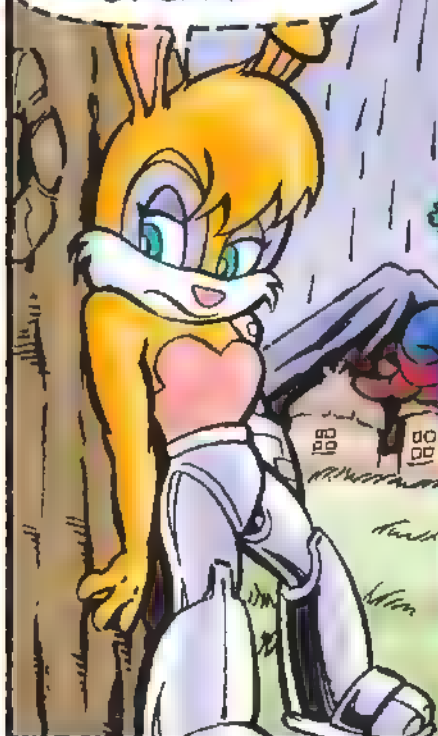
WHAT'S UP, ANTOINE?

SSHE VERY BE-ZARRE! MOMENTS AGO, DRAGO, AND THEN "LE PEW" GOT ZEE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH ZEE KING!



THESE ARE TERRIBLE TIMES, SUGAH!

REALLY?! THEN WHY HAVE WE NOT BEEN GRANTED ZEE SAME PRIVILEGE?



AH DON'T KNOW! BUT AT LEAST IT CONFIRMS THAT GEOFFREY IS GENUINE!*

PERHAPS. BUT DRAGO? HE NEVER CLAIMED TO BE IN ZEE KING'S CONFIDENCE!

AND DURING SONIC'S JUDGEMENT, WHY DID HE KEEP ZEE DISTANCE FROM ZEE WOLFPACK?!



*T'WAN BELIEVES GEOFFREY TO BE A SPY. SEE SONIC#46--EDITOR.P.I.

AH DON'T KNOW! BUT Y'ALL REALIZE THAT WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING DRAGO, DON'T YA?

OUI! I HAVE SAID THAT I WAS DESTINED TO BE HIS MAJESTY'S NUMBER ONE SOLDIER...



"AND IF ZEE KING CANNOT SEE THE GREAT FOREST FOR ZEE TREES, THEN I WILL DO MY DUTY AS ZEE **RAIDER** OF ZEE **TRAITORS**!"

HELLO, DEAR! THE FUTURE "DUKE" OF ROBOTROPOLIS IS HOME!

LEAVE ME OUT OF YOUR **FUTURE**! I'VE DONE MY **PART**--AND THAT'S ENOUGH!

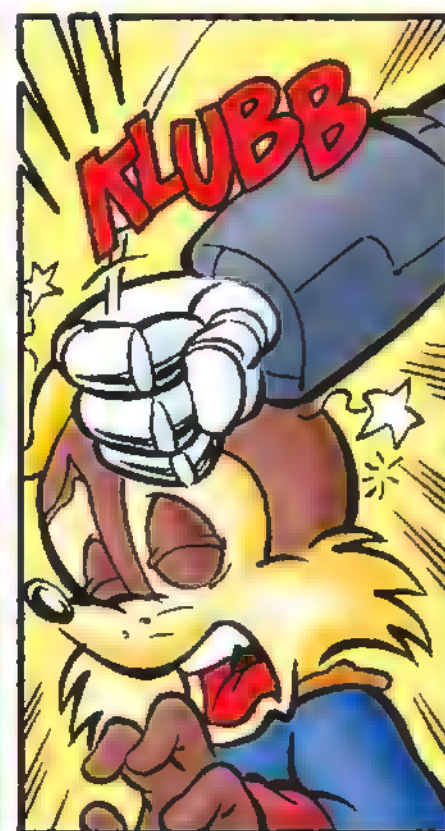
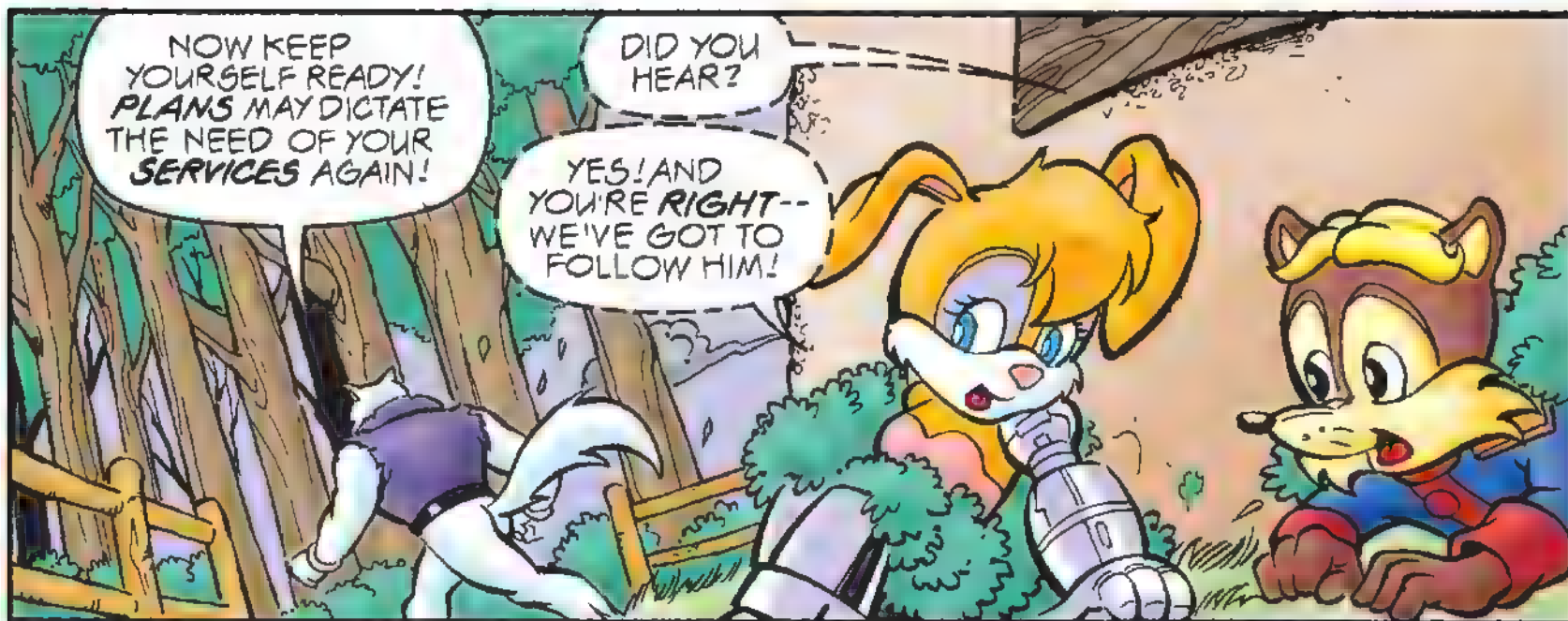
AND IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR **HELP**, MAYBE I'LL MAKE YOU MY FUTURE "DUCHESS"!

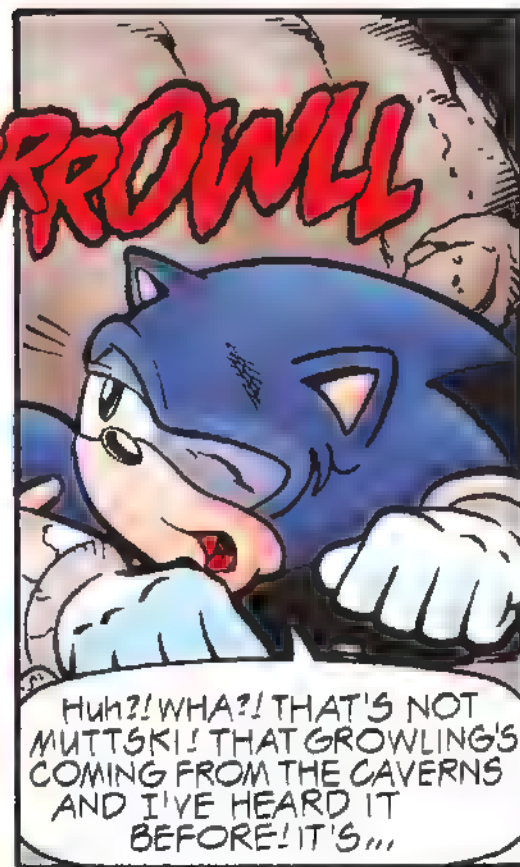
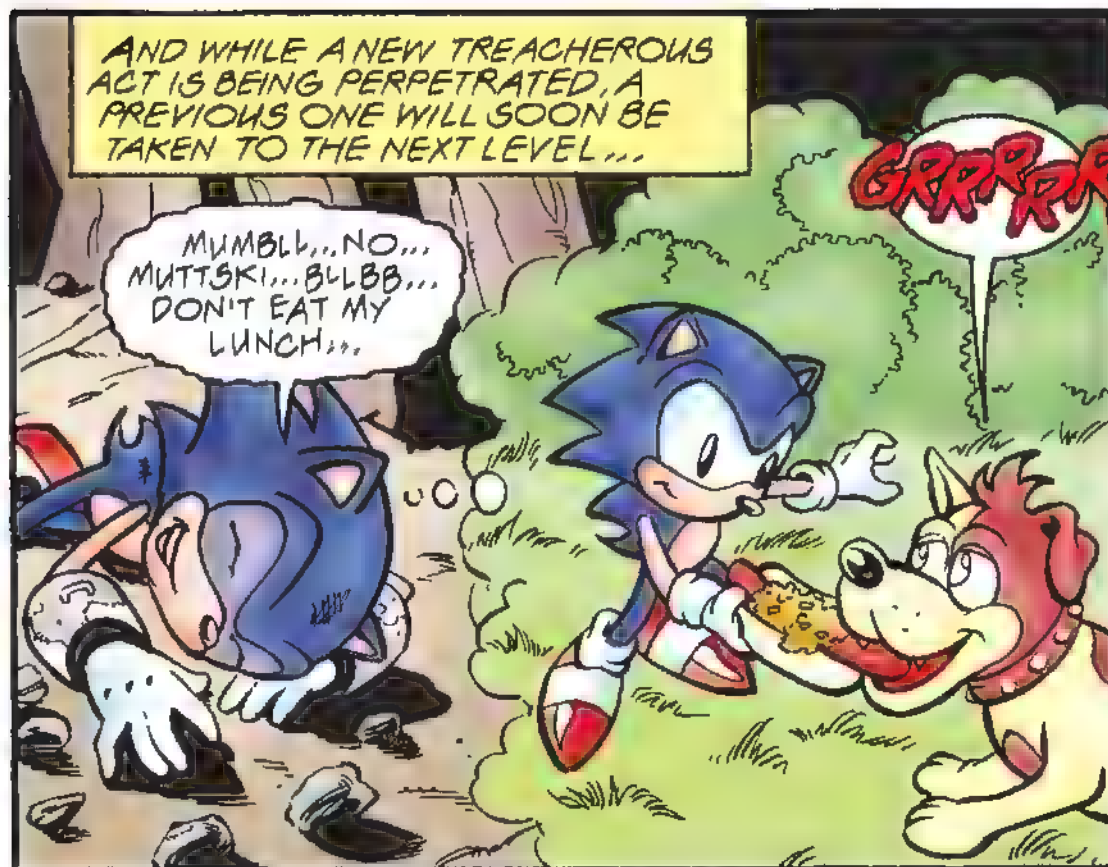
DON'T TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME! YOU'RE **INTO THIS** UP TO YOUR PRETTY NECK!

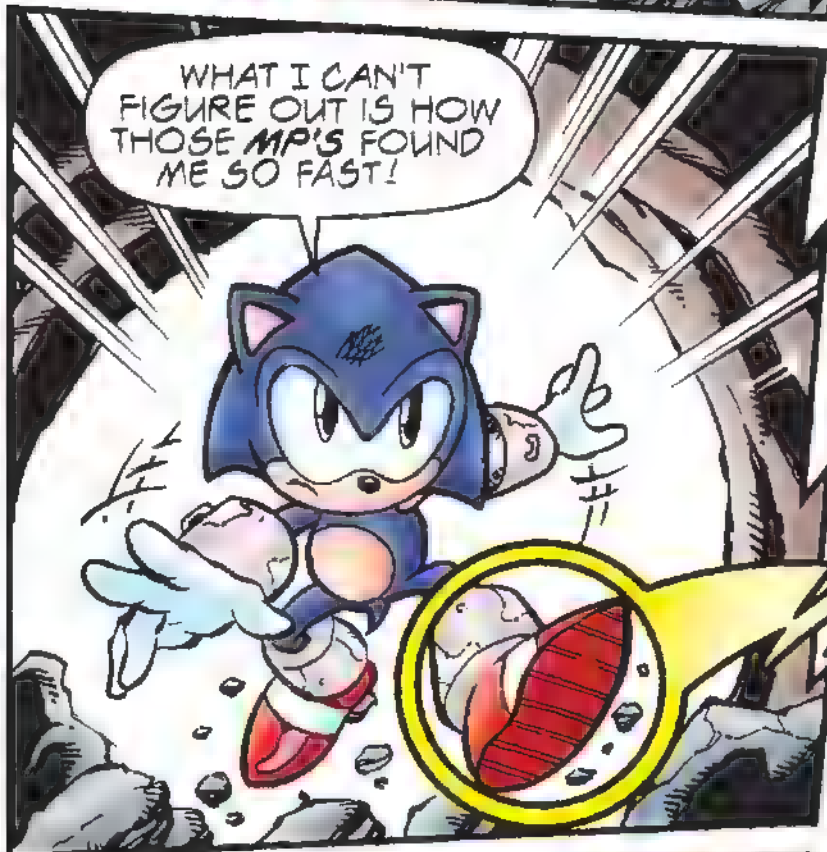
YOU'RE HURTING MY ARM!

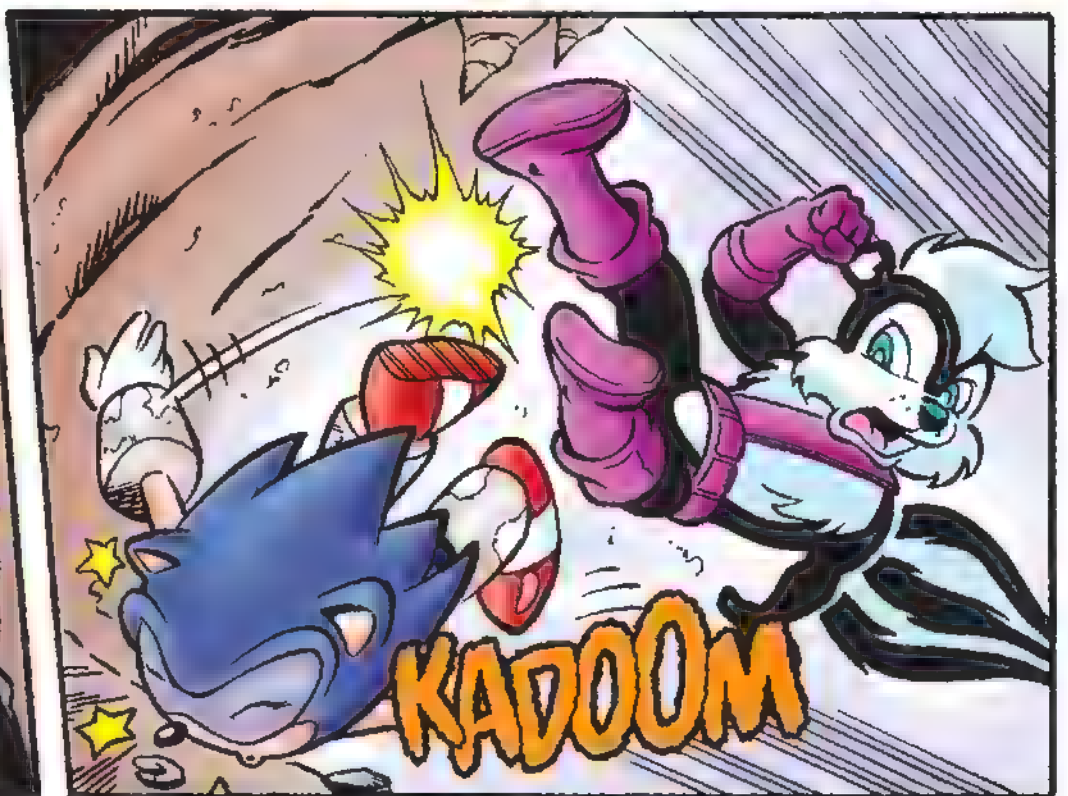
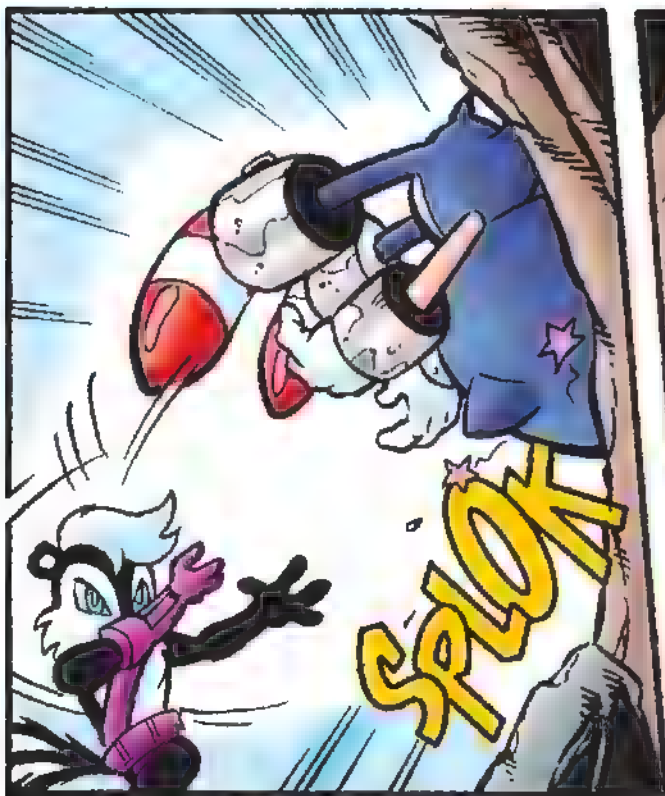
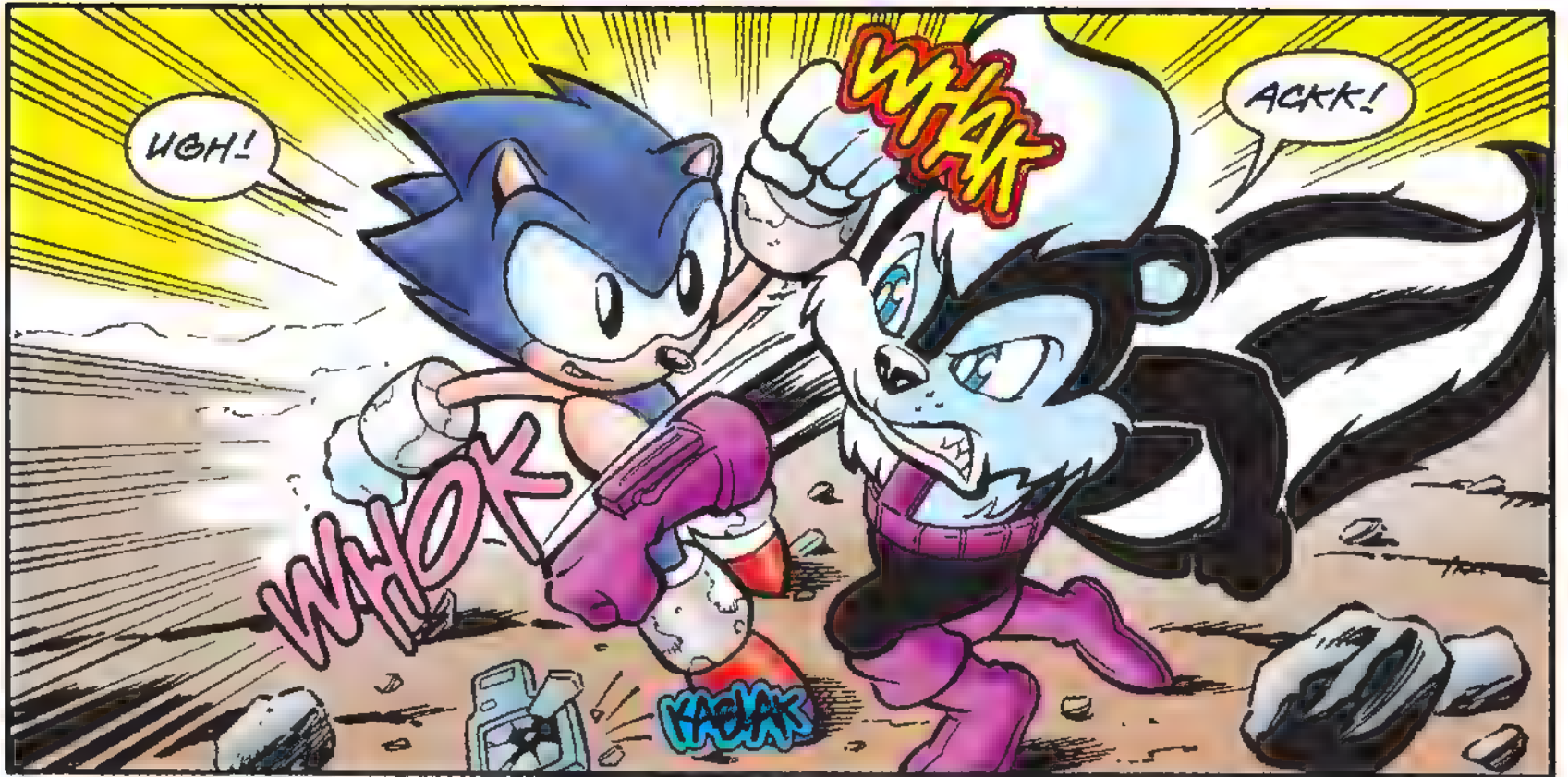
THEN YOU LISTEN HERE! SONIC HAS **ESCAPED** GEOFFREY'S MEN! BUT ST. JOHN **HIMSELF** HAS BEEN ORDERED TO HUNT HIM DOWN!

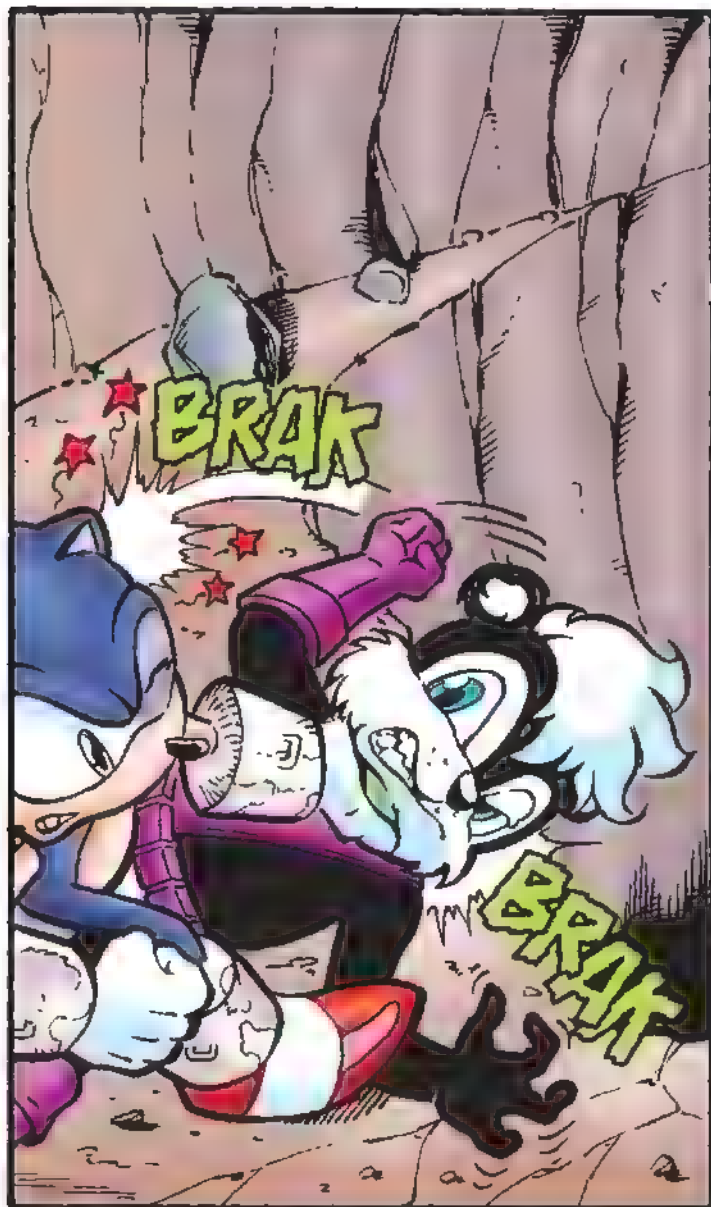
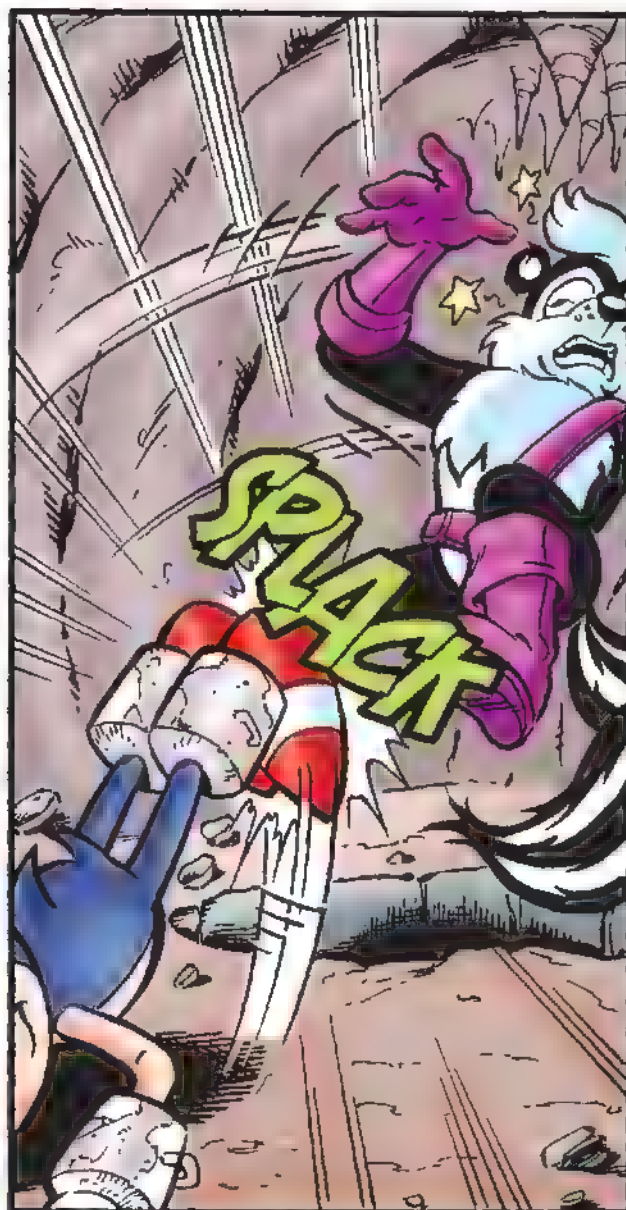
I'M **SURE** HE'LL FIND HIM, AND WITH ANY LUCK, THEY'LL **ELIMINATE** EACH OTHER!











AS WE PONDER THE FATE OF OUR COMBATANTS, WE TAKE A POSSIBLE LAST LOOK INSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

SINCE IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE I LAST DID SO, AND IN LIEU OF ALL THE RECENT EVENTS, I THOUGHT IT HIGH TIME I HELD COURT!

FIRST, LET ME SAY, THAT DESPITE THE **UNFORTUNATE FATES** OF MY DAUGHTER AND SONIC, I AM QUITE PLEASED WITH THE HEROISM YOU, MY LOYAL SUBJECTS, HAVE DEMONSTRATED DURING MY EXILE!



HOWEVER, YOUR EFFORTS HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN FUTILE!

THERE HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FIGHTING AND TOO LITTLE PROGRESS--WHICH I ATTRIBUTE TO YOUR GENERAL **LACK OF ABILITY**.

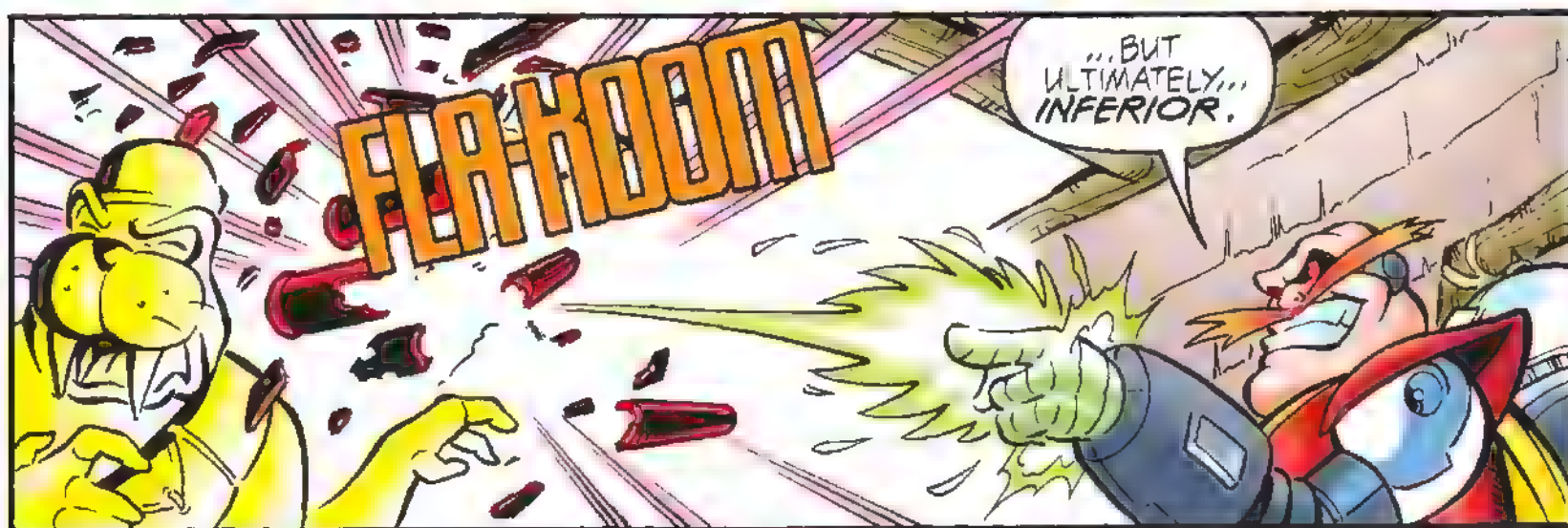
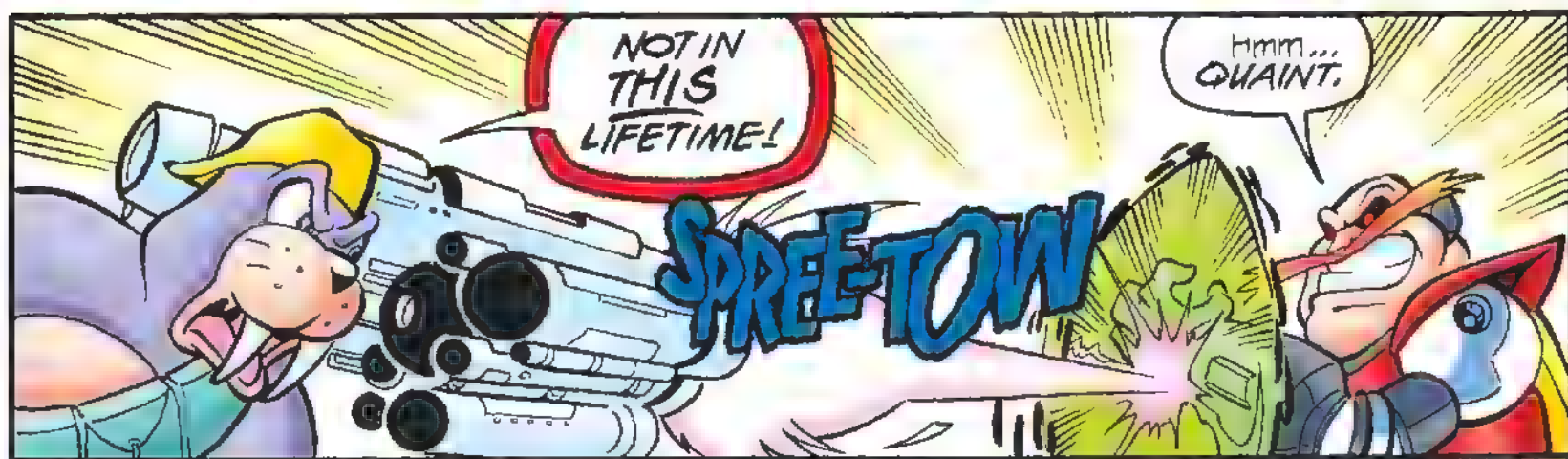


THAT IS WHY I HAVE SEEN FIT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM, TO REINSTATE THE POSITION OF **WARLORD** IN OUR REALM.

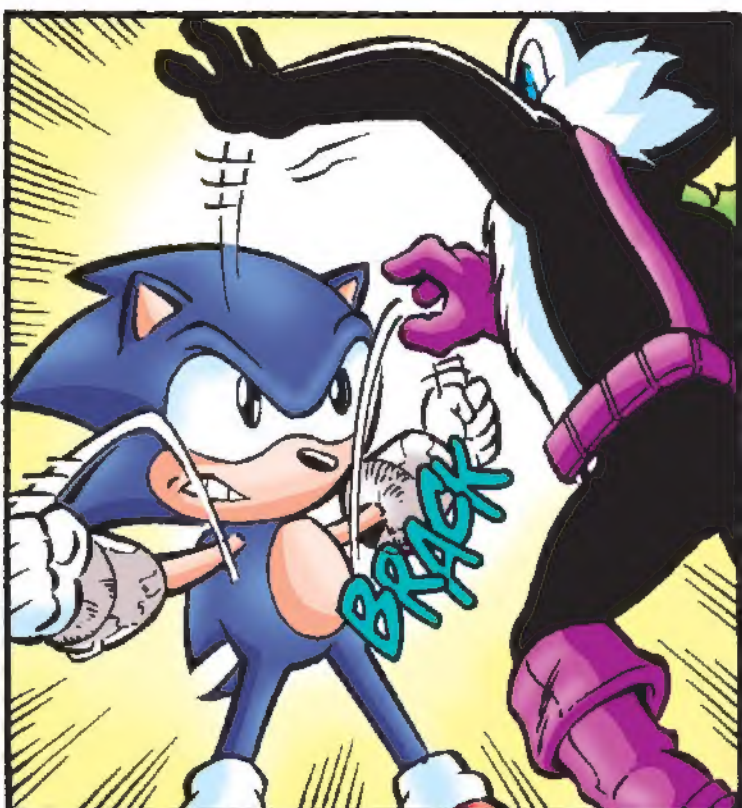
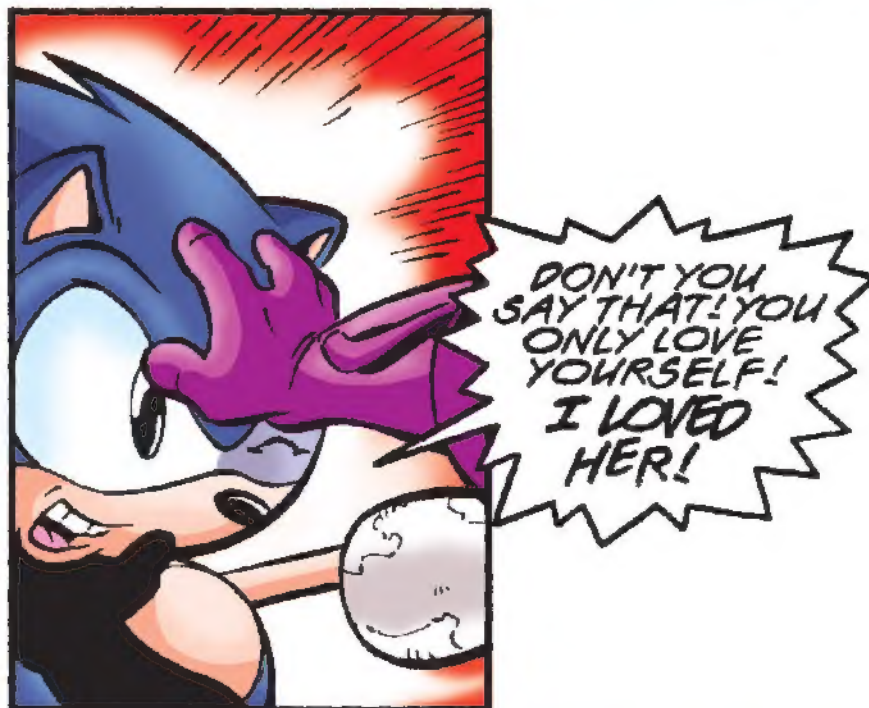
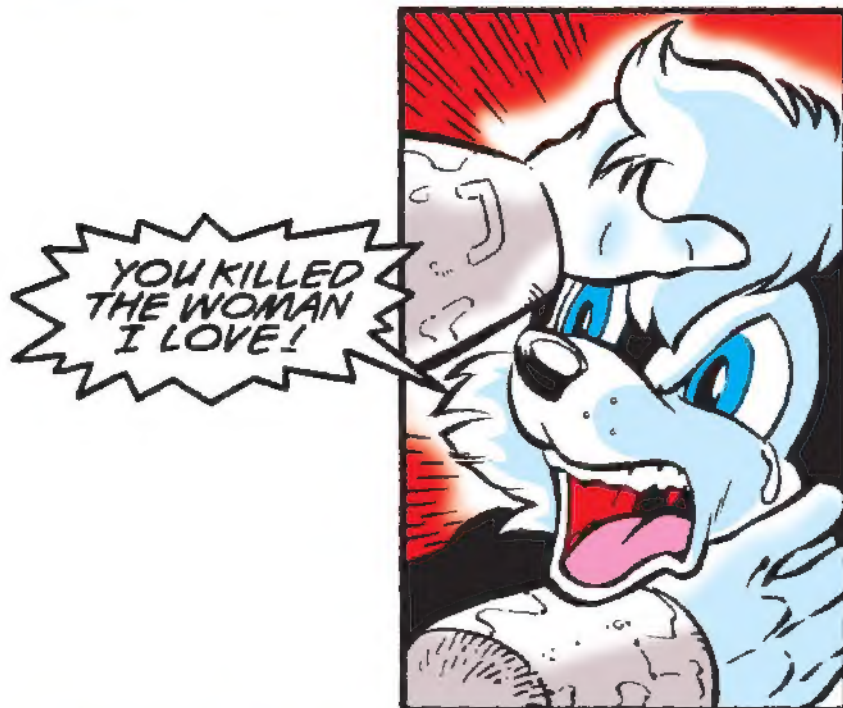
I THINK YOU'LL FIND MY CANDIDATE MORE THAN EXPERIENCED TO DO THE JOB... **THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!**

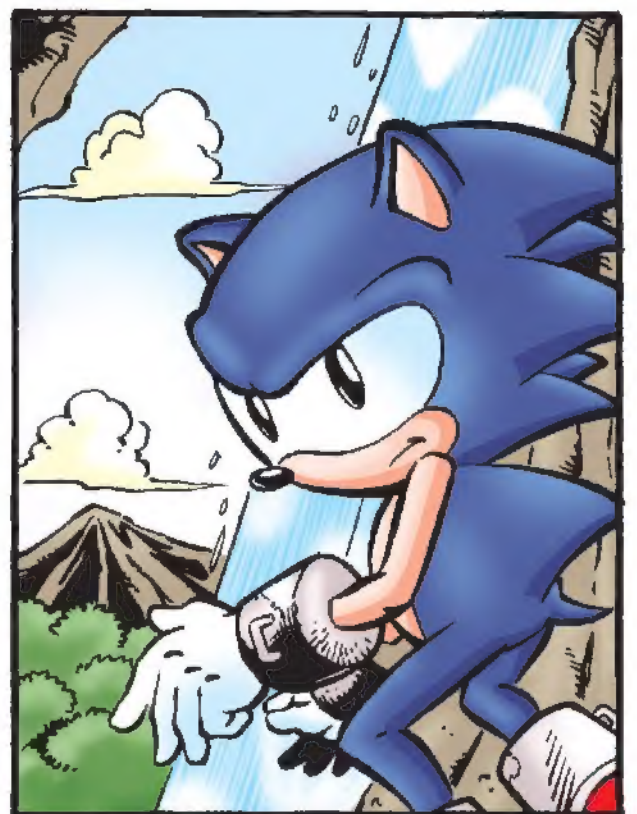
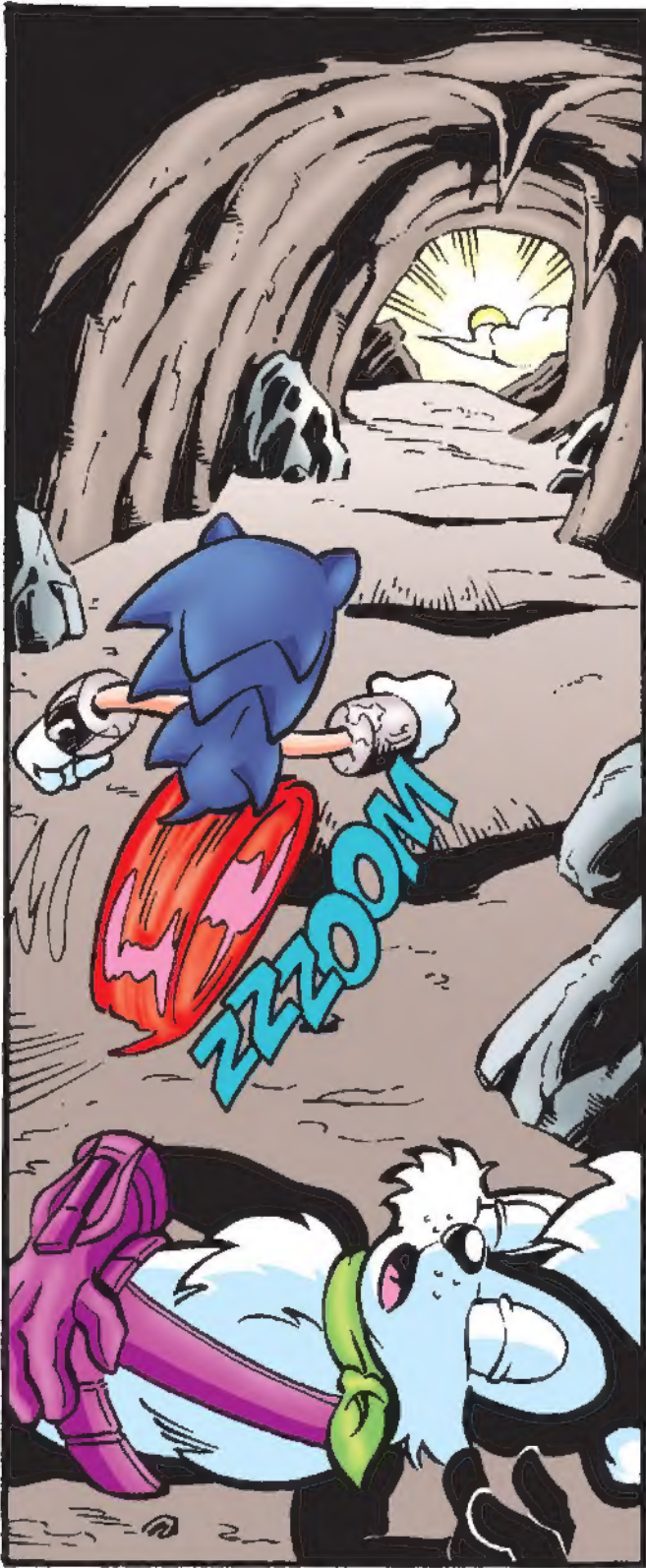
LOYAL SUBJECTS, I AM PLEASED TO INTRODUCE...













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